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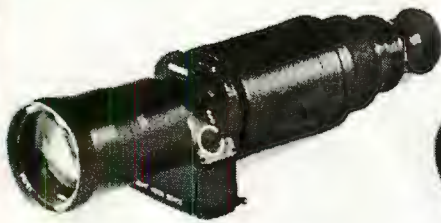
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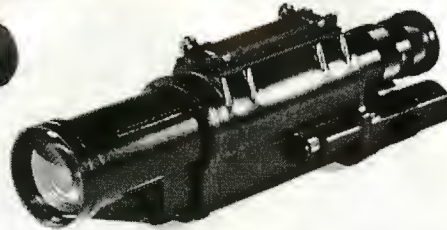
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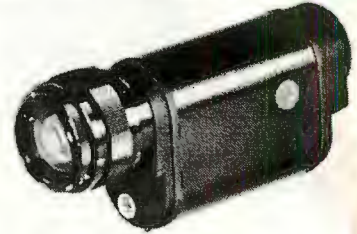
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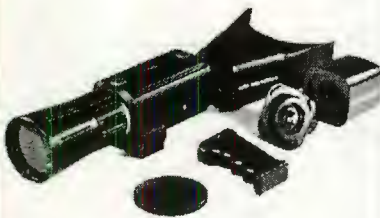
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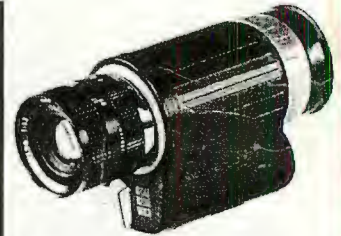


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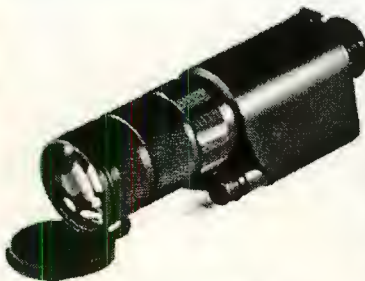


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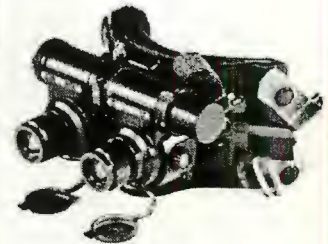
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Counterterrorist Act Is Anti-Liberty

by Robert K. Brown

The Oklahoma City tragedy may not have been a Reichstag Fire, as some conspiracy theorists would have you believe, but that has not stopped the anti-gunners in Washington from attempting to use it as one. The smoke had barely cleared from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building before the Clinton administration was using the bombing as a pretext to call for passage of the Omnibus Counterterrorism Act of 1995.

This legislation would allow the president to declare groups as "terrorist" organizations on little more than a whim. Once so labeled, it is unlawful for them to raise money in the United States (even for lawful activities), or for anyone else in the country to raise money on their behalf or contribute funds. Those who do so can be subjected to prison terms and prosecution under a number of other laws, including asset forfeiture provisions of the RICO Act.

Since institutions cannot function without funding, the bill in effect allows the government to ban organizations. And there are provisions which forbid "designated" terrorists from challenging such a designation in court.

Unsurprisingly, the House sponsor of the measure is Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a principal backer of the assault rifle ban and Brady bill. The list of vocal supporters reads like a Who's Who of congressional gun grabbers. In late May, they attempted to turn the measure into an anti-gun bill by adding language that would limit individual gun purchases to one a

month, increase the budget of the BATF, slap new controls on FFL holders, ban a wide range of ammunition, and require the addition of tagants to explosives and both black and smokeless powder.

To understand what's wrong with this bill, it's worthwhile to reflect on who could plausibly be deemed a terrorist organization. Groups like Hamas and the merry band of World Trade Center bombers are obvious candidates. Citizen militias and religious sects like the Branch Davidians would also be prime targets for designation under the Clinton administration.

As I read the act, such organizations as the African National Congress, Greenpeace, Act Up and the Black Muslims could all qualify for designation. In earlier times the terrorist label could have been slapped on groups like the Black Panthers, the American Indian Movement and the Zionist organizations that raised money and collected arms for Israel's struggle for independence. The point is, a measure the White House is attempting to pass in order to attack the right can just as easily be used to savage the left.

It is a measure of the stupidity and self-destructiveness of anti-gun liberals that they are blissfully blind to this point.

That, however, does not change the fact that the terrorism act is a dagger in the heart of liberty of all Americans and gun owners in particular. Defeating it — and those members of Congress who vote for it — should receive the highest priority. ✕

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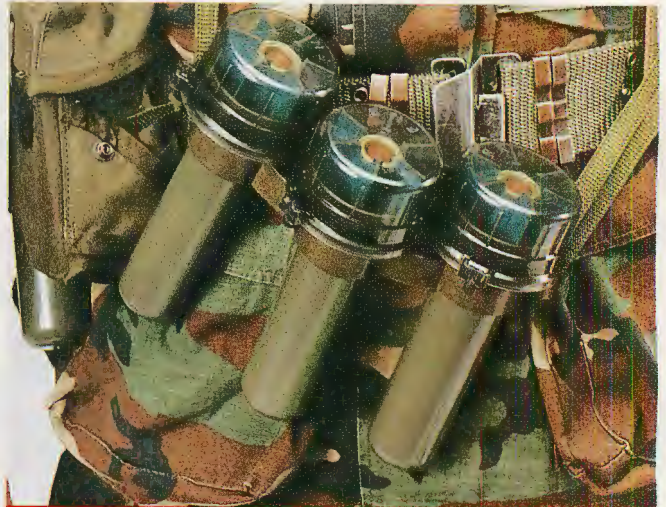
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Rifle grenades are an attempt to bridge the gap between hand grenades, which can rarely be thrown with accuracy beyond 40 meters, and mortars, which usually have a minimum range of no less than 500 meters. All of these are "area target" weapons, as is the machine gun when used in the traditional manner. The infantryman's rifle is an example of a "point target" weapon.

The concept of employing a rifle to launch a grenade is quite old and examples exist from as far back as the 17th century. "Tinker's Mortar," dat-

ment of the rod-type by Englishman Martin Hale in 1907. A thin rod at the base of these grenades was inserted into the rifle's bore. Eventually, a small copper cup at the base of the rod provided the required obturation for efficient discharge. Fired by a blank cartridge, this system caused immense strain on the rifle, which would self-destruct in an unacceptably short time frame.

Rod-type rifle grenades were followed by the re-emergence of cup dischargers which were clamped to the rifle's muzzle. The most famous example of this type was



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ment of the British design that launched a Mills No. 36 grenade with a round plate screwed to its bottom that served as a gas check. This in turn led to the

development of clip-on adapters with tail booms for launching hand grenades by means of a blank cartridge and a clamp-on launcher tube attached to the rifle's muzzle. Today most Western European rifle grenades have a 22 mm interior tail boom diameter and thus simply slip over the standard NATO 22 mm flash hider.

The problem with using blank or "ballistite" rounds is that under stress soldiers will sometimes chamber ball ammunition to launch the grenade — with disastrous results. The Yugoslavian M59/66 copy of the SKS was popular in Angola with SWAPO terrorists be-



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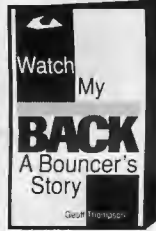


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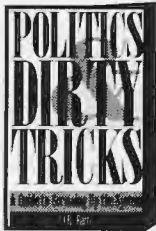


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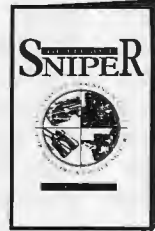
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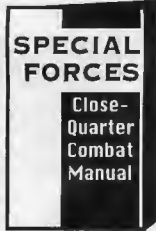
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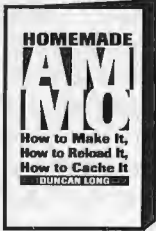
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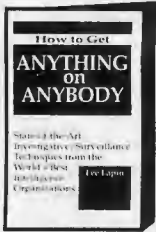
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In a related development, Neal T. Ainley, who resigned as president of the Perry County Bank of Perryville, Arkansas, has pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to two counts of hiding large cash withdrawals, in violation of federal banking laws, by representatives of Bill Clinton's 1990 campaign for governor. Receiving some of the cash was Bruce Lindsey, who is now deputy White House counsel.

Further Whitewater activity includes the disbarment of Webster Hubbell, once the third-ranking official in the U.S. Justice Department. Hubbell, Clinton's one-time assistant attorney general, surrendered his license to practice law in Little Rock. He plead guilty late last year to defrauding the Rose law firm of almost \$400,000, by over-billing clients and submitting false expense accounts.

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Assistant Housing Secretary Roberta Achtenberg, highest-level openly gay official in Clinton's administration, announced 13 April 1995 that she would resign to run for mayor in her home city of San Francisco. "If I'm going to be mayor of San Francisco, I have to begin my campaign immediately," Achtenberg noted in an interview.

When Clinton nominated Achtenberg as assistant secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, it ignited a firestorm of criticism from conservatives. During her confirmation hearings, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., characterized Achtenberg as "a militant-activist-mean lesbian, working her whole career to advance the homosexual agenda." Although the Department of Housing and Urban Development is targeted for major cuts by the GOP-controlled Congress, Achtenberg denied she is deserting a sinking agency. Her boss, Henry Cisneros, is under a Justice Department preliminary inquiry, with DOJ investigators trying to determine whether Cisneros lied to federal agents conducting a pre-appointment review about payments he made to his former lover.

"The privilege that I have enjoyed as the chief law enforcement officer of the



federal Fair Housing Act is the honor of a lifetime," Achtenberg noted. There are those, however, who may not miss her as HUD's chief Gestapo officer, particularly selected citizens in Seattle, New York and Berkeley who had the audacity to exercise their First Amendment rights.

HUD goons in Seattle actually required a neighborhood group, under threat of prosecution, to turn over its fund-raising mailing list and to write letters claiming the group supported a plan to turn a group of five buildings into housing for mentally ill drug addicts. HUD then compelled the Seattle neighborhood group to organize a block party welcoming the drug addicts into their neighborhood.

In New York, "Community Access," a government-funded "provider" of housing to the mentally ill complained that the Irving Place Community Coalition was opposing its effort to acquire a building to turn into studio apartments for the mentally-ill

homeless. HUD investigators demanded leaders of the Community Coalition resistance group turn over their diaries, petitions and phone messages — even threatening them with fines of \$50,000. Where were their constitutional rights to 1) free speech, 2) petition for redress of grievances, 3) be secure in their persons or papers?

In California, three people are facing \$100,000 in fines and a year in jail for speaking out against a HUD plan to build a housing project for the homeless near their homes. Ignoring the First Amendment guarantee of free speech, HUD lawyers fixed on language in the "Fair Housing Act" to charge that these critics are "harassers of the mentally ill or alcoholic."

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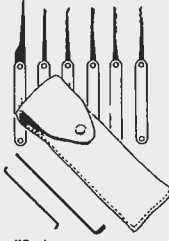
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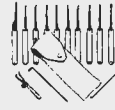
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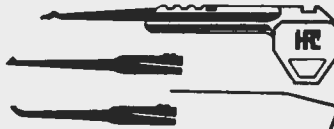
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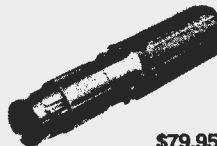
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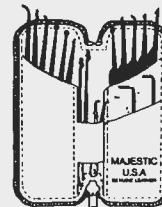
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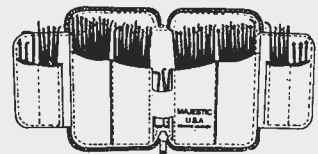
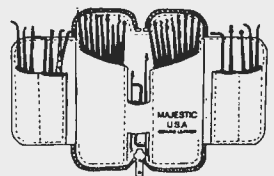


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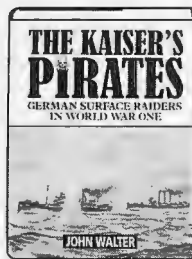
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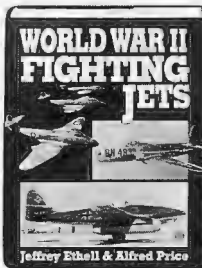
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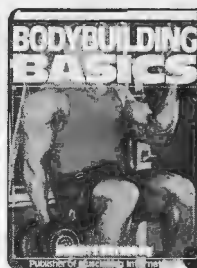
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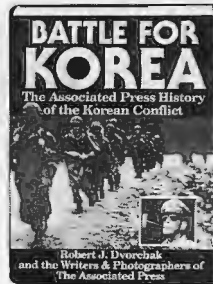
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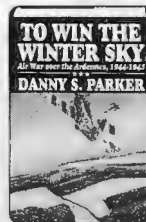
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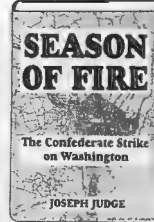
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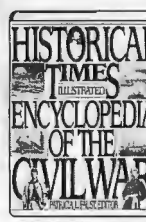
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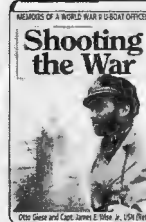
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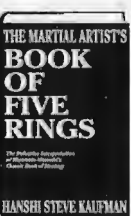
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MESSY BUSINESS

Your article on Wacogate (June '95) well illustrates the sadistic premeditation of our government in Waco. The Oklahoma bombing has given us some heart-rending video footage but this pales in comparison with the deeds of an enemy that surrounds innocent people, tortures them psychologically as well as physically, then methodically kills them, making sure nothing recognizably human remains to appeal to our emotions through a TV camera.

I know these are touchy times and *SOF* may have thought about pulling this article but thank God you had the guts to run it anyway. It would be nice if events like the American Revolution, World War II and the Oklahoma bombing were not necessary, but war against tyranny is messy business.

Alexandra Carter
Colorado Springs,
Colorado

SURRENDER NOW

Well-regulated militias are not going to do anything but get themselves in trouble. Numerous law enforcement examples only prove this. Our so-called government only looks upon these organizations as trouble and they will be squashed. A bunch of guys with rifles are no match for the mighty BATF. Geez, you'd think we had the right to bear arms or something.

I believe it's over boys; let's join the fight to suppress freedom. Trust our government and everything will be just fine.

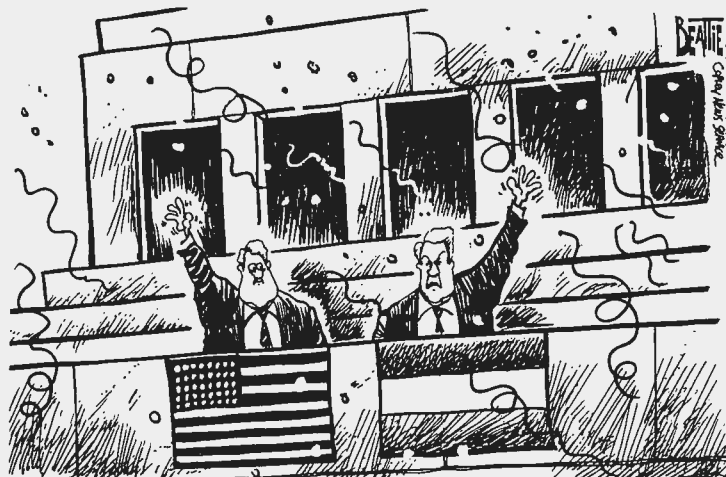
As far as guns go, we need to get rid of them, as a kid on MTV once said, "Too many kids take dope, get a gun and go out and shoot somebody." See, we definitely need to get rid of these guns. I'm positive this would stop those

endanger the society they target, terrorists hope to induce that society into increasingly repressive measures that trade individual freedoms for perceived safety.

Ill-considered and unjust "protective" measures alienate increasing numbers of previously peaceful and content citizens. These citizens, with some justice, come to

of our freedoms. Those intelligent and competent enough to effectively endanger society are not motivated to do so: They are not stupid — they know they are free, self-governing and treated justly. Those who are so motivated are those who tend to be embarrassingly inept at everything they do. Let us not take actions which will alter this.

Scott White
Fort
Lauderdale,
Florida



"We couldn't have any military equipment in this parade even if we wanted to. We're using it all in Chechnya!"

darn kids from taking dope and committing violent crimes.

Personally, I'm going to sell my gun and buy a "Vote For Bill" bumper sticker. I just can't wait to read our new Constitution.

J.T.

DON'T LET TERRORS WIN

The intent of terrorists is to turn a society against itself. By engaging in brutal and horrifying acts, which cannot in themselves seriously

see their government as a threat and an enemy with far more potential as a menace, due to its great power and impersonal nature, than the original terrorists ever could have been.

I submit that our law enforcement agencies do a superb job, better than any in the world, at preventing terrorist attacks and at quickly eliminating the few that manage to slip through, Fourth Amendment and all. In large part this is because

crime at hand — except for the little problem of our Constitution being in the way. Oh yeah, they also happen to have a suspect in custody before they're even looking for him.

And they just happen to link him to the Michigan Militia featured on your April cover. Let's turn this thing upside down and see where the truth falls.

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OK BOMBING JUST TOO NEAT

What a neat little package: National anger at the most despicable act ever committed on U.S. soil calls for action and Washington just happens to have legislation ready to go which is directed at the

Jerry Peterson, The One And *Only* Creator Of The Official U.S. Navy SEAL Combat System, Shows You How To Defeat *Any* Fighting Technique On Earth

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In 1989, Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC), the group which controls all SEAL activity, was looking for ways to standardize hand-to-hand combat techniques. After an exhaustive review, they had rejected every single martial art form in the world.

They found each completely unworkable in combat-oriented fighting situations where SEALs were in full gear, carrying 100# packs, and often knee-deep in water.

Amazing Scientific System

Then a SEAL NSWC officer (with black belts in 3 martial arts) saw Jerry Peterson's scientific fighting system. What he stumbled on wasn't martial arts. In fact it was unlike anything he'd ever seen before.

The SEAL officer watched in disbelief as a class of inexperienced students threw real punches for virtually an entire hour, never repeating the same sequences. In one session he witnessed more fighting than most martial arts students see in a year.

Later, two top brass at NSWC saw the officer demonstrating moves he'd learned. But intrigue turned to doubt when they learned the originator was an ex-Army enlisted man.

Still they met with Jerry, as much out of admiration for his Vietnam record as anything (he spent 15 months as lead point for Charlie Company, the 173rd Airborne — one of the most decorated units of the war). The SEAL officers, Vietnam vets themselves, figured Jerry at least ought to understand their needs.

But they were totally unprepared for what happened next. To prove his system, Jerry Peterson and a highly-decorated SEAL Officer (and at 240, 100 pounds heavier than Jerry) went toe-to-toe — but at half speed. To the Officer's amazement he was instantly disabled and dropped to his knees.

Only then did he realize — had he not been talked out of going full speed by others who knew the awesome power of Jerry Peterson's system, his false confidence in his martial arts training and in his sheer size advantage would have left him with an arm broken as easily as a match stick!

'Blown Away' In Just Minutes

In 5 short minutes these SEAL officers — men who had seen everything in the way of brutal fighting, and who had virtually unlimited budgets to develop the SEALs into the world's best — were blown away by Jerry Peterson's *Autokinematic*™ fighting system.

Following a pilot program at Command headquarters all SEALs began receiving this training. Still, hardheaded, cocky, non-believ-

ing SEALs, many with extensive martial arts backgrounds, constantly tested Jerry in situations like these:

□ SEALs are the most proficient combat swimmers in the world. Yet 40-year old Jerry (who wasn't a particularly good swimmer) "drowned" SEAL after SEAL in training. His scientific principles (this isn't a graceful art form) apply on any terrain.

□ SEALs are trained to run 20 miles in soft sand. But Jerry (who really wasn't in great shape) had them gasping just 5 minutes into his first workouts while he participated effortlessly. He used breathing techniques others had never seen (techniques he can teach you in minutes).

□ Once, Jerry challenged an entire platoon to pin him against a wall. All thought it a joke. Yet he escaped — from the grasp of 14 of the most proficient fighting men in the world (then demonstrated it was no trick — simply physics, and easily learned).

Today all SEALs use these scientific techniques and many more. Since 1989, Navy SEAL platoons go through a minimum of 40 rigorous hours of Jerry Peterson's training prior to deployment.

His system was demonstrated to Navy Admirals, a 4-Star General, and Congressional leaders — as well as the Secretary of the Navy and the U.S. Secretary of Defense!

Jerry was even called in prior to Desert Storm to brief the military on using *Neural Offensive Linguistics*™ (a cornerstone of his system, it defines a mind set which eliminates all defensive thinking, allowing anyone [even you] to make instantaneously clear and correct decisions in the midst of any hostile environment).

Devastatingly Powerful

Yet if you expect to use Jerry Peterson's military techniques in civilian situations you're going to get yourself into trouble. Military confrontations are simply not the same as civilian.

What you need to know are methods even the military is not taught.

And now, in the most recent release of his system, Jerry reveals the specific techniques you must know to control any hostile civilian situation. It's called *Jerry Peterson's Hostile Control Systems*, and used correctly, this system is *undefeatable*.

In *Hostile Control* you'll find out how you can quickly (in no more than a day) learn to defeat or seriously disable anyone threatening your life or the life of a loved one! You get the same devastating power the Navy SEALs use. It's just directed towards civilian confrontations.

Combat Proven

Everything in this system was proven in the most intense war lab of the past 30 years — Vietnam! But please understand.

This is not a course to impress friends at your local Karate studio. It's a professional fighting system.

You won't see Jerry Peterson or his pro-

fessional instructors on the Ultimate Fighting Challenge. This isn't sport fighting. Professional fighting has but one objective: to defeat an attacker. And to do it incredibly fast — in 20 years Jerry's longest fight lasted a mere 5 seconds!

This system is only for those who need a powerful yet amazingly simple system (simple because it's based on quickly-mastered scientific principles *not* on a difficult art form) to protect them in life-threatening situations.

No Navy SEAL has ever lost in hand-to-hand combat when correctly applying Jerry's system! And they never will because...

His System Is Undefeatable

One more thing. Cheap imitators may try to claim they've trained Navy SEALs, but let me explain what they've actually done.

SEAL platoons have discretionary funds they use to bring in all sorts of instructors. For example, they've hired the Evelyn Wood™ company to teach speed reading.

And that's the level these cheap imitators are working at. They've gone in at an 'Evelyn Wood' level and given their program to a platoon — maybe to just 1 or 2 men. But they're not the genuine thing.

Jerry Peterson is the *sole creator* of the *official* hand-to-hand combat fighting system used by the U.S. Navy SEALs today.

Want to call these imitator's bluff? Jerry's official Naval Special Warfare course number is K-431-0096. Under the Freedom of Information Act call the Government Information Office and verify for yourself that this course, *Special Combat Aggressive Reactionary System (SCARS)* truly exists. You won't get details about it because it's restricted.

But ask these Navy SEAL 'wanna-be' trainers what their official government course number is. You'll find they haven't got one!

In fact, if you're in a violent confrontation and all you have is these 'wanna-be' techniques, you might just be safer pulling out a book and trying to impress the assailant with your speed reading skills!

So now you decide. Do you want to learn more 'disguised' martial arts from cheap imitators coming in at the level of Evelyn Wood instructors?

Or will you make the decision the Navy SEALs made — and go with Jerry Peterson, the genuine developer of the official U.S. Navy SEAL combat fighting system!

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WHO HAD MOST TO GAIN?

There can be only one question in the minds of Americans in light of the Oklahoma disaster: Who had the most to gain?

The BATF, on the ropes and looking like a terminal patient only weeks ago, has new vitality, seen in the faces of the ninja-clad commandos who raided a certain farmhouse in Michigan. The FBI, coming into the game needing popularity to justify its budget, is now demanding sweeping power to "combat" right-wing terrorism. Even the Crime bill, previously looking into the abyss of a conservative Congress, has been called "sound" in wake of the bombing.

Let's not forget that Mr. Clinton, whose popularity polls were dropping faster than a female flown F-14, now has a fight and looks to some as a pos-

sible savior against those of the evil right.

I am part of that evil right and I pray for every one of the victims of that terrible blast. I do not and never would subscribe to hurting anyone in this manner and none of my compatriots would either.

I submit that this bombing was the work of those who would take away our birthright of freedom in the name of safety. With promises of safety, and aided by a sympathetic press, the militia movement will be the next great target in the eyes of the people, but the real target will be your freedom.

Sixty or so years ago a government building was destroyed in another country. It caused the same amount of controversy and the country turned to a different man who promised safety — the country was Germany, the building

was the Reichstag, and the man was Adolf Hitler.

Name withheld on request

MCVEIGH AN ATF AGENT?

Did any of you at SOF notice the physical resemblance between the unidentified BATF agent at the right of BATF agent Robert Rodriguez in the photo on page 50 of the June '95 SOF and Timothy McVeigh.

Am I a little paranoid or is this just coincidence?

Angel Pagan

Orlando, Florida

Many, we're talkin' MANY, sharp-eyed SOFers called to point out the glaring similarity between McVeigh and the unidentified ATF agent in that photo. And while this would be the scoop of the century for SOF if it were, it ain't. Close examination of the original photograph

revealed several marked differences between the agent and McVeigh. Readers who want to know who the mystery man is are advised to call the ATF in Washington.

TO MILITIA LOONS: SHUT UP!

Much has been written about the massive turnout of gun owners who turned the tide in the November '94 elections. One poll I read had one out of every two voters at the booths as a gun owner. Sounds impressive, but only 39% of eligible voters actually voted. That means many gun owners sat at home doing who-knows-what. Imagine if gun voters had turned out in force, Schumer, Kennedy and Feinstein would not have been returned to office. Get with it, gun owners, the '96 election will be more im-



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portant than the '94 election because we have to regain lost ground.

We lost ground when certain militia groups went on national TV. Instead of keeping quiet and letting the nation realize that terrorism can happen here, certain militia members told the media that they are not sure the feds weren't responsible. One even claimed that when the United Nations takes over, with the blessing of the U.S. government, all gun owners will be marched down into pits and machine-gunned. These statements by irresponsible militia members now have Americans believing that anyone who owns a semiautomatic military look-alike rifle is a nut who needs to be locked up. As proof of this, the Congress has postponed to "a later date" the gun ban repeal.

Get with it people! You have the right to own a semiauto AK-47 as I do, and you can be a militia member, but you do not have the right to spew forth a bunch of garbage and destroy my rights as a gun owner. Do us all a favor and shut up around the media. Please!

Name withheld on request

THE LANGUAGE FIX IS ON

A news article in my local paper headlined "Clinton Asks Anti-Terror Bill Passage" caught my eye, not because of the topic but because the opposition to this bill is lumped together under the catch-all phrase "anti-government groups."

This is what is commonly known to Vietnam veterans as language fix and is right up there with the commonly used press

label "anti-gay." I urge all militia and American veterans to insist the press use the term "pro-constitutionalist" or "pro-Constitution forces." That's not likely to happen since most of us know who has the hardest time with the concept that the U.S. Constitution belongs to the "people" of this country and is not a set of optional standards bestowed by Uncle Sam.

Daniel J. Moore
Springfield, Oregon

HAVE ALL POLICE GONE WACO?

Watching CNN recently I saw a video clip from Corpus Christi, Texas, that disturbed me. It seems that the female leader of a fan club for a Mexican-American singer shot the poor singer to death over an embezzlement accusation. What disturbed me were scenes of men

dressed in BDUs complete with "Fritz" kevlar helmets carrying M-16s. This was supposedly the local police outside where the murder suspect was holed up. It seemed to me like an overreaction by the police department given the situation. Have local police departments, like certain federal law enforcement agencies, gone whacko? Or should I say "Waco"?

Jim Schaeffer

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WORLD SITREP

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UNITED STATES

Pentagon's most secret new weapon discharges payload of microscopic carbon filaments over enemy facilities using a standard cluster bomb. Drifting into buildings, aircraft and equipment, the filaments cause electrical shorts and severe itching. Although only an irritant to troops, its overall effect is reportedly devastating.

Senator Arlen Specter proposes creating a new director of national intelligence to control 13 different U.S. intel agencies. CIA transfers some covert operatives and analysts to duty as lobbyists on Capitol Hill.

B-2 bomber force has only enough precision-guided weapons for a single mission for each aircraft — two days of combat.

Army depot maintenance is using war stocks to keep some critical equipment operational.

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PHILIPPINES

Philippine ships destroy newly built Chinese navigational markers and arrest 62 Chinese fishermen in area around contested Spratley Islands. China protests.

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COLOMBIA

FARC rebels ally with Venezuelan guerrillas against increased military control of border area. Government certifies 40 private militia groups — mostly formed by powerful landowners — and expects 500 such militias by year's end. Fear exists that such groups will become vigilantes, killing business rivals and political enemies.

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HAITI

Ecological damage may keep economy in difficulty for years. Hills have been cleared of trees by people who could not afford any other fuel. Topsoil has washed out of untended fields, leaving them barren. Resulting runoff into sea has killed coral reefs and marine nurseries.

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PERU

Fujimori wins landslide election and majority in parliament, validating his popularity and ineffectiveness of opposition. Demilitarization of Peru-Ecuador border continues.

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SIERRA LEONE

RUF rebels continue to launch small attacks closer and closer to the capital of Freetown. Government troops, supported by peacekeepers (now outright allies) from Nigeria and Guinea, deploy to defend city.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Inkatha party leaders vow not to participate in writing a new constitution without international mediators. With no chance of winning a national election, Inkatha wants strong provincial governments. The ANC, with no chance of winning elections in Kwazulu, wants a strong national government. Inkatha knows that participating in a constitutional convention controlled by ANC would be seen as endorsing it and fears ANC is forcing South Africa to one-party rule.

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RUSSIA

As fighting intensifies on Afghan border, Yeltsin is warned against sending more military aid to Tadjikistan by Defense Minister Grachev. With war in Chechnya, he cannot spare troops to fight another conflict. Chechen rebels launch waves of coordinated guerrilla attacks on Russian troops across republic.

President Clinton celebrates VE-Day in Moscow. Talks with Yeltsin fail to stop Russian/Iranian nuclear deal, but Yeltsin agrees not to sell centrifuges (a key ingredient in nuclear weapons production) as part of transaction.

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IRAQ

Rival Kurdish PUK and KDP factions reach tenuous truce and agree to police border against PKK attacks (their resolve is questionable). Turkish troops withdraw from Iraq but remain in position to return quickly.

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ALGERIA

Government officials claim a two-week sweep killed 2,800 guerrillas and "virtually wiped out" the GIA, clearing way for elections. GIA spokesmen insist most of those killed were innocent civilians.

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NORTH/SOUTH KOREA

South Korean military forces conduct exercises that include offensive operations — a first. North Korea exhibits captured U.S. spy ship *Pueblo* for first time in 27 years.

British officials express concern the U.S.-sponsored deal with North Korea could be seen as a signal to other countries that even a superficial nuclear weapons program can be used to extract billions of dollars in aid from West.

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SUDAN

Former President Jimmy Carter brokers a cease-fire between President General al-Bashir, SPLA and SSIM. SPLA leader Garang says many rebels from splinter factions are rejoining his force, including his former deputy William Nyoun.

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ISRAEL

Military intelligence reports Iran will have a nuclear weapon within three years and presents greatest threat in area. It recommends a preemptive strike on nuclear facilities in near future.

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CANADA

Canadian military creates three new independent parachute companies to provide an airborne capability after disbanding Canadian Airborne Regiment. The companies may be expanded to light infantry battalions tasked with peace-keeping duties.

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FRANCE

Officials claim they refused to participate in a CIA plan to overthrow Saddam Hussein just after Gulf War because there was no credible successor. Former French President Giscard d'Estaing disclosed that France and United States were involved in an intelligence operation to overthrow Libyan leader Khadafi in 1981, but new leftist President Mitterrand canceled it.

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BURMA

Government announces that its operation to destroy Shan opium warlord Khun Sa has met its objectives and is halted. Karen Democratic Union rebels are chased into Thailand; Burmese troops and DKBA allies conduct raids into Thailand to destroy refugee camps.

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B-1 BOB MAKES RUN ON PRESIDENCY

Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Calif., has launched his campaign for the presidency in 1996. Dornan, who originated the POW/MIA bracelets honoring those captured or missing during the Vietnam War, has dedicated his campaign "to those friends who disappeared into the mists of Southeast Asia." A former USAF jet jock and strong advocate of national defense since being elected to the House in 1976, Dornan caused a furor last January when he charged on the House floor that President Clinton "gave aid and comfort to the enemy" by participating in anti-war demonstrations during the '60s. In announcing his campaign, Dornan expressed concern over the "cultural meltdown" he said is poisoning American society and undermining family life. His office in Washington may be reached at: 202-225-2965.

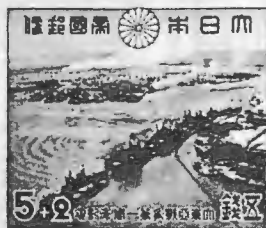
SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Winner of the January, 1995, *SOF* Sweepstakes and proud owner of an Astra A-75 9mm pistol is Roger Wagner of Cincinnati, Ohio. Winner of the

February *SOF* Sweepstakes and new owner of a Mil-Spec 1911-A1 is Steven McGuire of Honolulu, Hawaii.



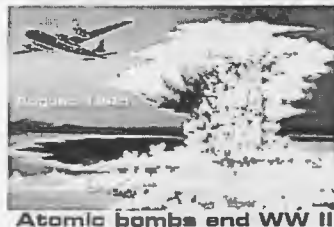
For fear of offending political sensitivities (in Japan, not here), President Clinton quashed the U.S. postage stamp memorializing the atomic bomb and concurrent end of WWII 50 years ago. Gerry Newhouse of M-C Marketing thought Japanese objections were "like the teen-ager who kills his parents, and then asks for leniency because he's an orphan." So Newhouse and associate Ron Kaplan designed the non-postal commemorative stamp above (\$9 for a sheet of 36; Dept. SOF, 1620 E. Broad St., #106, Columbus, OH 43203). Some wags suggest a good combination is M-C's commemorative and the 50-cent Nimitz. (Nimitz is as fondly remembered in the Orient as Patton is in Europe.) Insensitive? Gosh, we hope not. At least no more insensitive than the Japanese stamp, below, bragging about their sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. Stamps: courtesy R. Rongstad, San Diego, California



INTERESTING IAFIS

The FBI recently ran an intriguing ad in *The Boston Globe*, recruiting computer engineers and techno-wonks for its new Integrated Automatic Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS), which the ad says is critically needed to handle the more than 100,000 electronic re-

quests for criminal history data, 35,000 fingerprint card requests and 14,000 written updates to criminal files it receives every day (numbers they say will double in the next four years). Wages for this kind of work run between



population will be checked each year — or at the rate of everybody in the country being run through the FBI every three-four years. Scary? We don't know. But interesting, at any rate.

SPEAKING OF TECHNO-WONKS

SOF is staying on the cutting edge of the computer communications revolution and now has its own web page. Net surfers who want to take a peek at our current table of contents or read the latest "Command Guidance" can find us at: <http://www.stw.com/sof/sof.htm>. You can also E-mail us at: sfortune@usa.net

OR HANG SEPARATELY?

Describing organizations advocating the legalization of drugs as "sinister" and "seedy,"

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., chair of the House Rules Committee, has introduced legislation to end tax-exempt status for such non-profit groups. Targeting of a group because of its advocacy of, or opposition to, a certain law or idea runs athwart the First Amendment. If Solomon's HR 1453 becomes law, it sets the stage for Congress to then revoke tax-exempt status of groups who oppose gun control or endorse any other non-politically correct idea. Solomon's chairmanship guarantees a floor vote, and his

\$51,557 and \$79,200 annually. Interesting workload. If accurate, the numbers suggest there are now 36.5 million record checks per year at the FBI, and 12.7 million fingerprint requests per year: If these numbers do double by 2000, that means in four years some 74 million Americans will be subjected to some kind of check every year, and another 25 million will have their fingerprints checked. With a population base of 300 million or less (currently about 270 million) roughly a third of the

committee's influence among all House members makes it difficult for them to oppose the measure unless they can cite significant public opposition. You can call your congressman; phone: 202-224-3121, and register your opposition to HR 1453. — JLP

NON PROFIT?

What's it worth in salary to be chairman of a "not for profit" "charity" such as Handgun Control Inc.? Well, last year Sarah Brady was paid \$108,301 in salary (plus a few thousand in employee bennies).

Think of *that* when

somebody passes the hat for Cause Foundation in support of their suits on behalf of the surviving victims of Waco et al. Send a check to Cause Foundation, Dept. SOF, Box 1235, Black Mountain, NC 28711.

the suit holds that marketing the weapon is on par with using it to kill somebody.

While this ruling only allows the suit to proceed to the fact-finding stage, it could pave the way for similar inanities, such as:

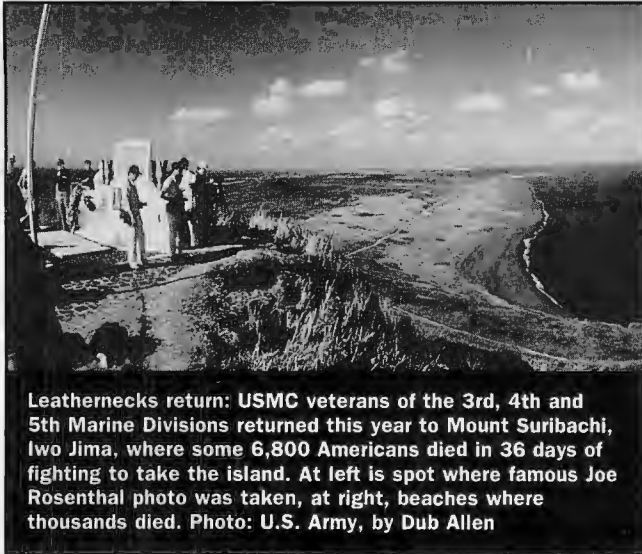
SUE THE BASTARDS 1

A California state trial court has ruled that victims of the 1993 San Francisco shooting rampage may seek damages from the manufacturer of the gun. The case centered around a suit by the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, which sought to hold Intratec liable for the actions of deranged gunman Gian Luigi Ferri, who killed eight and wounded six others using a TEC-DC9 pistol. Claiming that marketing the TEC-DC9 constitutes an "ultrahazardous" activity,

SUE THE BASTARDS 2

It didn't take long for ambulance chasers to find Oklahoma City — the ghoulish talk-show hosts, unconscionable political pimps and others who would prostitute the grief of a city for their own ends had barely left the scene when the search began for deep pockets. According to Reuters, a suit has been filed on behalf of four people who suffered injuries or losses in the bombing, by the local law firm of Merritt and Rooney,

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Leathernecks return: USMC veterans of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions returned this year to Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima, where some 6,800 Americans died in 36 days of fighting to take the island. At left is spot where famous Joe Rosenthal photo was taken, at right, beaches where thousands died. Photo: U.S. Army, by Dub Allen

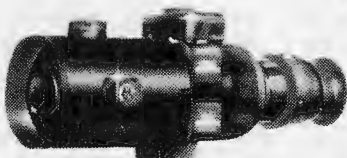
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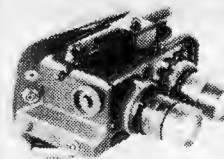
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- ▲ Plus, you'll feel a constant, endless surge of animal-like **energy**... giving you such a raw look of **power and intensity** that conversation will stop when you enter a room!

And do not doubt for a second the truth of this! I have a small file cabinet full of proof (in writing!) — including:

...A man with *13 years bodybuilding experience* who did *nothing* different but sample this diet secret... and in just **7 days** saw his bodyfat melt off so fast he could *watch* as his abdominals

became an etched grid for the first time in his career!

...Other bodybuilders who have stayed in "contest-ready" shape month after month, making *continual massive gains without plateaus!* Men (and women) from all over the country report dropping **tons** of unwanted bodyfat in amazing short periods, while keeping nearly *all* of their muscle tone.

...A whole *stable* of respected sports journalists have gone from skeptics to **believers**, after seeing the proof in athlete after athlete: Lean muscle remains nearly untouched (and thus free to grow at astonishing rates during workouts), while bodyfat burns away hour by hour to fuel energy levels that are almost unbelievable!

And get this: In just the last 3 months — during an *orgy* of eating and training — I packed on *34 solid pounds*...

Yet My Bodyfat Is Still At Only 8½%!

This would be *impossible* with the carbohydrate-based diet you (and everyone else in America) have been eating for the last 20 years! If I had used the diet *most* bodybuilders eat, I would have gained nearly equal amounts of bodyfat and muscle. I didn't — it's almost all lean, powerful new muscle — and it was *easy!*

No one wants to hear this, but I'm here to tell you something you've needed to hear for a long time. It's this:

The Way You Eat Now Is Murdering Your Efforts To Get As Muscular As Possible While Keeping Your Bodyfat In The "Good Looking" Range!

The plain, simple truth is that you will *never* get the results you really want... unless you're willing to admit all the nutrition and diet and exercise "experts" in this country have been *purposely misleading* you...

cheating you of the massive, marbled and tightly-toned body you deserve.

Here's the story: In 1991, the World Bodybuilding Federation banned steroids in its contests, and went looking for a *natural* way to replace the anabolic boost that drugs gave. They found **Dr. Mauro DiPasquale** — who, besides being a licensed surgeon, is also an assistant professor at the **University of Toronto**, lecturing on ways of increasing athletic performance. Dr. DiPasquale also happens to have some experience with weights: he is a former national, North American, Pan American and World Powerlifting Champion.

As it happened, the good doctor *did* have a natural way to replace steroids. He'd discovered it through mind-numbing scientific testing and research. It was a simple diet, based on the way our ancestors ate back in simpler times — before packaged foods loaded with carbohydrates.

This diet causes such an intense "**metabolic shift**" that your body *almost instantly* becomes a fat-burning, muscle-loading machine — turning you into the equivalent of an ancient warrior: hard, lean, massive and **constantly pumped**. But when he explained the details of this "Warrior Diet"...

Everybody Freaked Out!

You see, Dr. DiPasquale's diet was exactly the *opposite* of what the medical community had been teaching for 50 years. *More fat* is what we need, he said, and less carbohydrates. *Much* more fat, in fact... and a *strict limit* on the carbs.

This was too much for the "experts". For years, we've been told that fat is bad — bad for our arteries, bad for our hearts, bad for our attempts to build sculptured physiques. *Everyone* told us this — doctors, nutritionists, exercise gurus...

Everyone!

Well, my friend, everyone is *wrong*. It's so obvious now it's almost funny... if it weren't for so many good people like you

who are still being hurt by not knowing what a fiasco the medical community has turned sports nutrition into.

Look — the people who say fat is bad confuse *food* fat with *body* fat... *which are two very different things!* You are *not* what you eat; rather, you are what you make yourself! (Hasn't your bodybuilding experience taught you that over and over?)

Yet being scared of putting more "beef" in your diet is *beyond* silly — especially if you truly desire to build size and strength! So many bodybuilders are worried about seeing their bodyfat percentages shoot up...

Even Though The Facts Tell A Different Story!

Here's one fact that ought to set you straight: The entire United States has been on a low-fat kick for over 20 years... yet there's more fat folks around than ever before! How do you explain this? Listen to what the most respected nutrition scientists (the *real* experts) are finally admitting:

"The fat content of your diet is not necessarily related to your weight. Fat intake has been going down for decades, and obesity is still going up." Walter Willett, chairman of the nutrition department at Harvard University(!)

"Intake of total fat... is not associated with high blood cholesterol levels and coronary heart disease." Release from the United States' National Academy of Sciences

And, when Paul Saltman (biologist at the University of California, San Diego) was asked how much red meat a person should eat, he replied: "How much can you get your hands on?"

The truth is, you were **built to eat meat** (with the fat)... just like all the other meat-eating animals out there in the jungle! How many sleek, muscular, growling beasts can you name that eat sticks and leaves? None. Doesn't that give you a *little* hint?

Look — the fat in that burger and fries you crave is *not* going to convert into love handles on your hips...

Unless Your Body's Metabolism Makes It Go There!

And when does your metabolism want to store fat like that? When you're eating a mostly carbohydrate-based, low-fat diet... *exactly like the one you're on now.* You're burning carbs and storing fat... in your belly, your hips, your butt. Your system *can't* burn fat efficiently because you're **telling it to burn carbs...** and so it saves the fat for "later".

And how did you decide to be a "carb burner" like this? Everyone said it was the right thing to do... all the magazines, all the experts, all your sport heroes. And where did they get their information? **Get this:** The 22 SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

high-carbohydrate diet craze for athletes comes from a 1937 study by these two guys named Christiansen and Hanson... who did a 3-day test to get their results. *Three days!!!* You can't tell if *anything* works in only 3 days! According to this logic, you should lift a barbell, wait 3 days for results, and if nothing happens, quit.

So, because no one bothers to ask "why?" when people talk about diets, no one realizes your high-carb, low-fat diet is still *just theory...*

Even After Almost 60 Years!

Sure, you'll lose a little weight at first on a low-fat diet — it's from the caloric shock to your system — but almost *half* of it is muscle. That's too much. Your body just doesn't want to let go of it's storehouse of fat — and when you drop weight, you do so at the rate of 60% fat, 40% lean muscle, no matter how much you work out. That's a drag.

Even more important, by turning your "biology" around to consume meat and fat (the way nature *wants* you to prowl around), your muscles will react with a surge in size and power that will absolutely astound you! This has been researched and documented over and over again by scientists and medical doctors who aren't afraid to "buck the system".

Here's the good news: With Dr. DiPasquale's new diet secrets, you can throw out *everything* you've ever heard about losing bodyfat while piling on size and muscle out the window! Because, starting as soon as you like, you'll be able to...

Change your metabolism so that it burns fat first for energy, and gobbles it up like candy wherever it finds it! (Plus, you'll have an endless supply of energy — just the opposite of using carbs for energy, because your carbohydrate supply can be exhausted in 30 minutes of working out!)

Save your precious lean muscle when you drop weight — because you'll burn energy from 80% fat, and the rest from carbs and protein! (That means the fat will drain from everywhere like melted butter, leaving solid, bulging muscle behind!)

Stop storing fat when you add mass! I put on 34 pounds in under 3 months, yet my bodyfat remained below 9% which would be absolutely impossible with a "normal" diet that forced my body to store fat along with lean muscle!

And, best of all...

You'll Be Feeding Your Body Exactly What It's Desired Since Prehistoric Times To Build Size And Strength Beyond Your Wildest Dreams!

People are *raving* about the "Anabolic

Diet" that Dr. DiPasquale has revealed. It's different than any other way of eating you've ever heard about... with an intriguing "twist" that no athlete, anywhere, has had the opportunity to exploit. Through the most intense research ever done for sports nutrition, Dr. DiPasquale has uncovered the secret to make this new eating strategy work for you *no matter what your goals are!*

There is no doubt whatsoever this new diet strategy works! I am pushing 40, yet I'm **bigger than ever** (and continuing to grow at astonishing rates) with a lower bodyfat percentage that I've ever had... and it's so easy to maintain my physique I just go around with a big smile on my face all day long. And just in case you suspect there must be a "down" side to all this, let me assure you there isn't. I have a family history of heart disease — so I'm the ideal target for anything that could possibly go wrong — yet my blood panel readings **continues to astound the doctors with perfect scores...** including an absolutely normal cholesterol level. *Even after 2 years of being on this diet!*

Not only is fat *not* the enemy in your diet... it's the **best friend a bodybuilder could ever have!** Once you understand the simple secrets Dr. DiPasquale has laid out for you, the world will fall at your feet. **Listen to what guys just like you are saying:**

"Within a week my metabolism shifted and I had visible bodyfat loss! I recommend it to anyone who wants to lose bodyfat fast (by following really simple guidelines)." Jason Mathas, California

"This diet makes sense physiologically, and I do not hesitate to put my personal training clients on it. The guys who fail to get results do so simply because they cheat." Greg Zulak, writer for Ironman and Muscle Magazine

"I've seen dramatic physical changes in people on this diet — from elite athletes to grandfathers! It's great for people with weight problems, hunger problems, or energy problems." Jim Wright, former Chief of Exercise Science at U.S. Army Physical Fitness School

"After 17 months, I'm 235 lbs. and 7% bodyfat and look like I'm about to step on the stage to compete all the time. My bodyfat loss was noticeable on day 7! My energy level is 3 times higher than ever before, my skin is thinner and translucent, I've stayed at 7%-to-8% bodyfat for 7 months straight. The only problem I see is convincing other guys to see the truth!" Dave Villegas, graduate of Human Performance Laboratory, New Mexico University

"I've been on the diet a month; I'm 23 pounds lighter and already much

happier. Bringing this diet into focus is a lifesaver. You have a friend for life, Leo." Ken McGehee, San Diego

Let me tell you, there has *never* been an eating strategy laid out like this for bodybuilders (or any other athletes) before... **never!** Dr. DiPasquale is probably the most respected sports doctor to ever put his rear end on the line for such a radical departure from the rest of the medical community. He has taken heat from all sides, but because he spent years documenting his research — *and* has the real-life success stories to prove everything — he continues to convert people from skeptic to believer day after day.

There's Just One Problem...

Until now, unless you were on the "inside" of a very small group of "in-the-know" athletes and doctors, you couldn't lay your hands on the necessary details of the "Anabolic Diet" to save your life. It was strictly for elite athletes and a few privileged experimenters. And, even though the diet is about as simple as eating can be, it will only

...this is a "biological strategy" that works like magic to change you at the cellular level into a "natural steroid-pumping boiler room".

work its magic if you understand the entire picture — including the crucial little "twists" that make it so incredibly effective so quickly.

What has changed (and given Dr. DiPasquale the opportunity to finally bring the "Anabolic Diet" out of hiding) is the complete collapse of the medical community's anti-fat argument. Study after study has shown that none of the "fat is bad" theories hold up in the real world, where it counts. The "experts" have egg all over their face (the *whole* egg, by the way, yoke and all).

Like I said, a year from now everyone will be crowding to take credit for Dr. DiPasquale's work, but it's too late. *He's already completed the book that spills the whole story* — the best-researched, most easy-to-read book you'll ever hold in your hands. And it's your for the asking.

This amazing new book puts you in the driver's seat — because while *everyone else* spends the next year being confused and picking fights over details...

You'll Be Packing On Monster Size And Burning Up Bodyfat Like July Sun On Ice!

Let the others quibble... this is your chance to finally be among the *first* to take advantage of an honest-to-God breakthrough for bodybuilders.

Here's just a sample of what's in store for you:

▲ Exactly *how* and *what* to eat, week after week, month after month, so you are **completely in control** of your energy levels and muscle-building potential!

▲ Why **boosting your fat intake just a little bit** above the American average (while lowering your carb intake to desired levels) is enough to completely change your metabolism... so it craves fat for fuel, giving you the opportunity to quickly suck every ounce of unwanted bodyfat from wherever it's hiding!

▲ How to increase the **natural anabolic effects** in your system so you *pile on muscle like a juice-head!* (Without the awful side-effects!)

▲ How the *myths of vegetarians* have completely **ruined** the careers of athletes trying to build stamina and muscle! (And how you can avoid this trap yourself, no matter how you decide to eat!)

▲ *Why it's important to eat everything you want* — and as much of it as you can — during this diet!

▲ Detailed strategies to lose weight, or to put on size... without feeling hungry or deprived or bloated for a minute!

▲ Why anthropologists (scientists who study ancient man) agree with the meat-eating basics of the "Anabolic Diet"! (Muscle was too important to cavemen fighting the jungles and each other... and they knew *exactly* how to maximize their size.)

▲ How to get away **forever** from the "carbohydrate-based" bodybuilding nightmare where your metabolism *eats up as much muscle as fat* after exhausting its carbo supplies (which happens about 20 minutes into any workout!).

▲ Why your fundamental desire for meat is an honest yearning for nature's most **densely-packed high-energy food!**

▲ Why you've had problems with weight even though you religiously did aerobics! ("They" told you it was the way to go, so why aren't you as big and ripped as you should be?)

▲ The *real reason* why 1-in-3 Americans are *seriously* overweight (up from 1-in-4 in 1980!) even though the "low fat" kick has been all the rage for a decade! (You'll be the only guy who isn't confused in your gym.)

▲ How to use the "**36-Hour Switch**" to

ignite your natural levels of **Growth Hormone!** (This stuff has been called the "fountain of youth" by scientists — your skin will tighten and glow, your muscles will grow like teenagers, and it will seem like you've set your "physical clock" back ten years!)

▲ How to go on a "contest-ready" diet that gives you exact control of **every pound and muscle-bulge** you have... *without ever feeling hungry or weak no matter what your goals are!*

▲ How to manipulate your **testosterone levels** for monster gains!

▲ How to keep your flow of insulin steady all day long, every day... so you never feel light-headed or low on energy during workouts!

▲ How to beat your "addiction" to carbohydrates (sugar, bread, etc.)... *even while you indulge yourself to your heart's content!*

▲ How to eat *very* well even if you're on a tight budget!

▲ How to **never** suffer the "yo-yo" rebound effect if you decide to go off the diet! (*No other diet you've ever tried gives you such a "no way to lose" option!*)

▲ How to get **visible, dramatic results** in your first few days!

▲ Why "motivation" is *never a problem* on this diet!

And more... so much more, you'll be a certified expert on nutrition almost overnight (even though it's the easiest book you've ever read!)

The great news about this "Anabolic Diet" just goes on and on. I've even been accused of having a *face lift* (I haven't) because of the fresh, tight tone and glow of my skin. That's due to the constant surge of Growth Hormone my metabolism is creating. That's a big bonus effect, especially if you're really into the "look" of a bodybuilding competitor.

What's more:

You get results FAST!

Time after time, I get reports of people actually watching the fat dissolve within just a few days of going on the diet!

You can go on and off the diet as you see fit!

I have friends who "sampled" the diet for just 8 weeks, got all the results they wanted, and then went back to their "old" diet... without suffering any rebound effect at all!

You can live with the diet forever if you've got big goals!

I've been on it for 2 years, and I love it; I have scores of testimonials from guys who have also been on it *without problem* for years!

You can see incredible bodyfat loss even if you don't seriously workout!

My friend's wife (who had lost her gorgeous figure after 2 kids) burned off 15 pounds of bodyfat in *just 6 weeks...* without excessive aerobics or weight training! Other women lost as much as 4% bodyfat in equally short periods, while others lost no weight because they traded denser muscle for bodyfat — they weighed the same, but they looked 100% better!

This new book is simply amazing. It gives you all the science — so you'll understand everything. It also lets you "shortcut" your way straight into the diet, so you won't have to read the whole book to get results. It gives you complete menus that will keep you satisfied and happy for years (as well as easy ways to eat at even the worst restaurants when you go out with friends). It shows you how to reach any target goal you desire — more size, less bodyfat, less weight overall, more muscle where you want it. There's even a huge section that answers every question you (or your friends who want to know why you're growing so damn fast) have! Plus calorie charts, references, how to do your own modifications (to fit any situation you're in), and a no-nonsense guide to supplementation.

Best of all, Dr. DiPasquale's new book is almost embarrassingly cheap... and, unlike all those other tomes that come from university doctors, it comes with a complete...

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What's more, I'm going to immediately *sweeten* the offer by giving you a couple of hot bonus items... absolutely FREE! First, you get the recently-released, hyper-intense "Secrets Revealed" video tape where Dr. DiPasquale and Leo Costa, Jr. answer *every question you could ever have about this amazing diet...* even the questions too "personal" to address here in this letter. We were lucky enough to catch these two experts at their now-famous Los Angeles press conference, where bodybuilders and journalists *grilled* them for over an hour about nothing but the new Anabolic Diet. These people were all skeptical at first — some were even downright *hostile* because their own diets were being shown up as nonsense — but every one of them came away believers. In fact, many of these hard-nosed journalists and bodybuilders were so hot to try the diet *they started that very day!*

Even better, this video is the best "short cut" you could ask for — just watching it gives you the details you need to start your diet today the best way possible... get through *every stage of it* without a hitch... and *rocket* toward your muscle-building goals like a heat-seeking missile. There won't be a single unanswered question in your head — so you can intelligently talk the ear off anyone who challenges your diet... or who wants to know how you suddenly took off with such mind-boggling growth so quickly... or who just wants to know how the heck you can eat so well, so often, without problems or hunger or worry, and yet control your weight gains and

fat losses with such exactness!

Plus, besides this important video, you also get a scientifically-proven "do it yourself" Bodyfat Testing package! This neat little device was developed as a scientific "at home" fat tester, and it's so accurate that it *consistently* gives you better readings than the traditional (and super-expensive) fat-measuring tests like electrical impedance, ultra-sound (a home unit costs about \$15,000), and immersion (\$50 a shot and very inaccurate).

This new device is called "Accu-Measure", and it's the best way ever invented for bodybuilders to keep constant, super-accurate track of your bodyfat. It's accuracy was double-checked by 13 multi-doctor studios (including one study where it was more accurate than the Futrex 500 ultra-sound machine, which costs \$2,500). This easy-to-use virtually unbreakable little tool comes with a simple chart to give you exact readings of your bodyfat, fast! I just did mine, and it took *22 seconds*, start to finish. You'll always know exactly how your diet is proceeding to flush out fat and build new muscle. Best of all, this package is **FREE**, only to you, only when you order.

So here's what you should do right now: Call my office, toll-FREE, at

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I've never been so excited about a "boost" to building muscle fast before... and I honestly believe you're going to feel the same way. Never mind what the "others" say — no one in your gym even has a clue about how to really pack on muscle, continually, without plateau or limit. Even the guys taking drugs are clueless — it's so stupid to waste money and time like that, when you can get better results naturally!

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and Johnnie Cochran (otherwise engaged defending O.J. Simpson). They're suing Texas-based ICI Explosives, who the suit claims should be liable for punitive damages because, the plaintiffs allege, ICI recklessly disregarded public safety in making and selling ammonium nitrate fertilizer without an additive to make it less explosive. ICI said it would fight the suit, denying any proof that ICI's product was used in the April 19th bombing.

Why not Texaco or Amoco for making diesel fuel that sensitized the fertilizer? Or Alcoa? Why not the Bureau of Mines for developing ammonium nitrate prill as an explosive? How about Ryder? Personally, we'd go after the oil companies, since they have the deepest pockets

and their gas was poured into the foyer of the Happyland dance hall in New York City in 1990 and caused 87 deaths in a single \$1 terrorist act. Or maybe Buster Brown and Nike, since many there were trampled to death.

DEATH AND TAXES

The Mother of Waco may have been the case of North Dakota farmer and war hero Gordon Kahl, whose disputes with the IRS ultimately led to his death when federal agents ordered local sheriff's deputies to pour fuel oil down the chimney of the house where he was holed up, and he died in an ensuing holocaust. Kahl's life and times are documented in the film *Death and Taxes* by Jeff Jackson. Jackson says theaters haven't run the film for fear of IRS re-

prisal — but the film has been a success at festivals from Boston to London, and critics say it is worth your viewing. A recent showing at Ferndale, Michigan, was described by Jackson as "a Woodstock screening for the Michigan Militia/Populist Movement." Even if you suffer from hypertension, it may be worth the risk to view this film. If it doesn't come to a theater near you, it may be ordered direct for \$33; phone: 800-BURY-IRS, or by mail from Country People Productions, Dept. SOF, Box 456, Marina Del Rey, CA 90291. — JLP

DEATH AND SAUCES

In times past, describing an immoral nation as one that "eats its young" was only a figure of speech. Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., has asked that the White House direct the

State Department to examine allegations published in Hong Kong that mainland China hospitals and abortion mills sell aborted babies as "health food" (believed to be good for overall health [of the eater, not the eatee], that also makes the skin smoother and cures asthma). Reporters from *Eastern Express* purchased aborted fetuses at Chinese hospitals for the equivalent of \$1.25 each; other hospitals/clinics gave aborted fetuses to the staff or public to take home to cook. Describing the practice as "cannibalism... despicable, vile, immoral," Wolf said if the allegations are true, the U.S. should not renew "most favored nation" trade status for China. In the meantime, we recommend you don't order "Happy Family" from a Beijing menu. ✕

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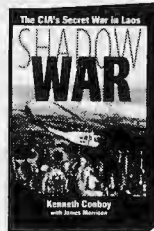
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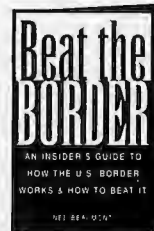
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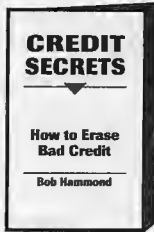
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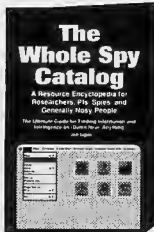
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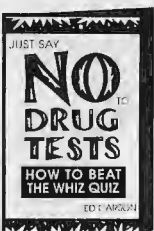
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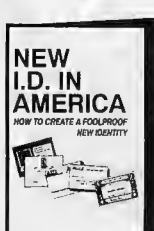
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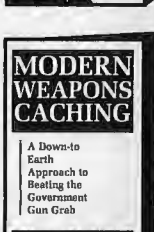
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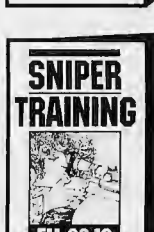
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Bombs Away

by Quentin C. Shears

I was sitting on the can with as bad a hangover as I'd ever had, my pounding head cradled in my hands, when the latrine door burst open and someone shouted, "VC in the wire!" Instant sobriety took the place of what had promised to be one of the most monumentally sick drunks ever, and I pulled up my fatigue pants, grabbed my Swedish K and ran for my defensive position.

It could have been just another early Sunday morning in Qui Nhon, but this was during Tet, 1969. We had been warned that the VC and NVA would probably try a repeat performance of their '68 Tet Offensive, and tension was running high in American and ARVN units.

By the time I got to the perimeter, I began to wonder what all the fuss was about. There was no gunfire other than the usual stuff one always heard at night. No firefights anywhere, at least nothing anywhere near our compound.

I was beginning to think it was just another of numerous false alarms when I realized just how wrong I was. The biggest explosion I'd ever seen turned darkness into daylight. The ARVN 55th Base Ammo Depot went "high order."

The 55th was a general support depot for the 2nd ARVN Logistical Command which encom-

passed all northern II Corps. I was an adviser with the 529th, a direct support ammo outfit that provided forward ammunition support to ARVN combat units throughout northern II Corps. As I watched the biggest fire-

hours until there was nothing left to blow.

We were confined to our compounds all through the blast. When curfew was finally lifted, The CO and I went to survey the carnage. The 55th Base Depot no longer existed.

out on the road leading into the 529th. There were none at the 55th — which may explain the VC's success.

It was clear to me that the 55th was a pathetic outfit, unlike the 529th. The latter was led by Cap-



What would have been a clear day turned overcast from dust, smoke and shell fragments. The explosions lasted for more than 12 hours until there was nothing left to blow. Photo: DoD

works show I'd ever seen, I had visions of thousands of tons of ammunition exploding, destroying the entire complex.

To my astonishment, the explosions didn't stop. They continued for the rest of the night and into the next day. What would have been a clear day turned overcast from dust, smoke and shell fragments. The explosions lasted for more than 12

The ammo pads which once held artillery and mortar ammunition were smoking holes in the ground. Small arms ammo was scattered around like so much brass popcorn.

Amazingly, the 529th was untouched, although the tin roofs over the ammo storage pads were turned into Swiss cheese by falling shell fragments. More than a dozen dead VC sappers were laid

tain Thanh, who, like me, was a former infantry officer. He often personally led combat patrols outside the wire to ambush VC sappers and that attitude may have saved the 529th from infiltration.

As weeks passed, the 529th repaired the damage and began taking up the slack as best we could. The 55th was defunct. They simply sat there, inop, with tons of

unexploded ordnance scattered all over. Neither the ARVN nor the American adviser for the 55th took any action to get things moving.

Ammo began backing up in ships offshore as other ammo units filled to capacity. Although the 529th pushed ammo to forward supply points as quickly as possible, we just didn't have the assets to make up for the loss of the 55th. Additionally, our patrols were killing VC infiltrators several nights each week as they tried to do the same number on the 529th as they'd done on the 55th. The workload never let up. We patrolled at night and humped ammo forward during the day.

About six weeks after the "big blow," fate put matters squarely into my lap when the American senior ammo adviser was medevaced. Suddenly I was in charge of all ammo ops in northern II Corps and had the problem of getting the 55th cleared and operating again. The ARVNs at the 529th were good, but they didn't have the capacity to handle the thousands of tons of ammunition that several divisions of ARVN and U.S. forces needed. We had to get the 55th operational.

After calling on the dud ARVN commander from the 55th and getting no results, I grabbed my senior EOD adviser, Tom, and told him to get his ARVN EOD team over to the 55th and start clearing the unexploded ordnance. The first day of the effort was a nightmare. The ARVN EOD solution was to employ every Vietnamese civilian laborer available to toss unexploded artillery and mortar rounds onto the back of 5-ton trucks and haul them off. The arty ammo wasn't a problem — none of it was fuzed. But all mortar ammo came with fuzes installed, and the majority of the unexploded ordnance was fuzed 81mm mortar rounds.

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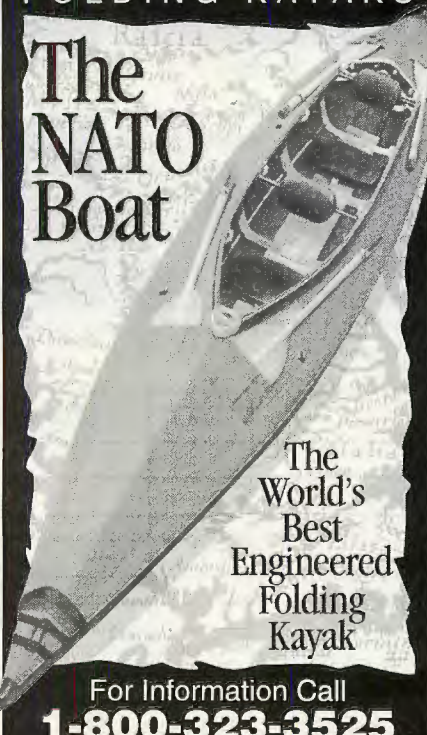
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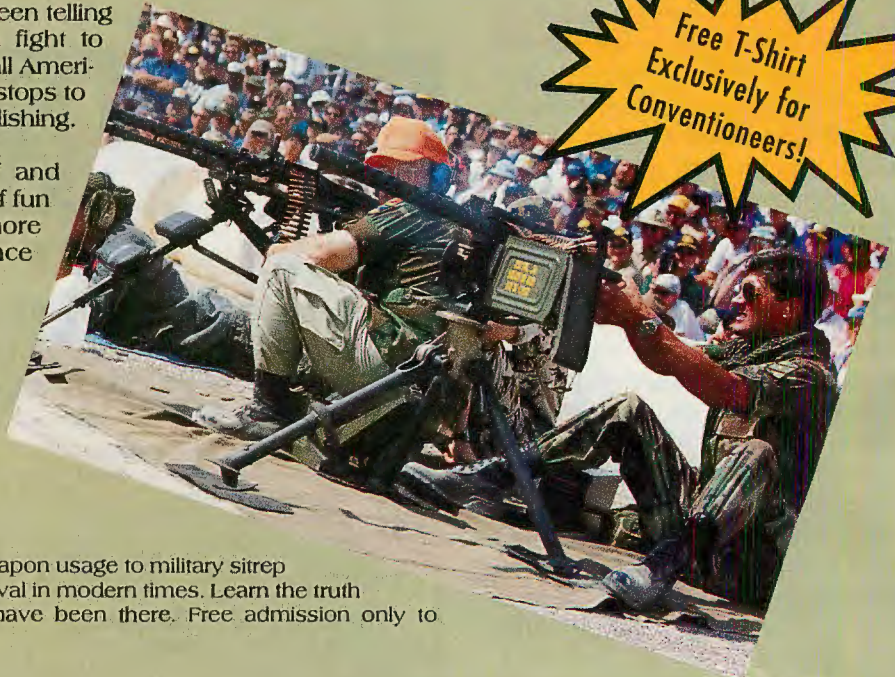
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by James L. Pate

Wild rumors ran rampant last year after reports surfaced of a survey that asked active duty Marines if they would swear an oath to the United Nations, and whether the respondent would be willing to fire on U.S. civilians who refused to comply with a national program requiring the surrender of all privately owned non-sporting firearms.

The 46-question, six-page survey was given to 300 combat-trained Leathernecks at the Marine Corps Air-Ground Combat Center at Twenty-Nine Palms, California, on 10 May 1994. This was only five days after passage of the assault weapons ban, and supporters of the Second Amendment were understandably alarmed. At the time, questions, including those from congressmen, were many. Answers were few. All the Navy would confirm was that the survey had been given by Navy Lieutenant Commander Ernest Guy Cunningham, 42, as part of the research for his master's thesis. Everyone wondered: Just who is Guy Cunningham?

The rumor mill kicked into high gear. With few facts to go on, several publications unfairly vilified Cunningham as some sort of New World Order fiend. *SOF* contacted Cunningham and he agreed to give



Navy Lt. Cmdr. Guy Cunningham during two days of interviews at the author's farm in Maryland. Cunningham's master thesis documents a widespread opposition among U.S. Marines to any U.N. mission under the command of a foreign officer. The bad news? It indicates that more than a fourth of the 300 Marines polled would be willing to shoot U.S. civilians in an arms confiscation program. Photo: James L. Pate

Soldier Of Fortune an exclusive interview, to talk about his master's thesis in general and the combat arms survey in particular. The results of the survey and the findings of his thesis, "Peacekeeping and U.N. Operational Control: A Study of Their Effect on Unit Cohesion," will be

explored in the next issue of *SOF*.

During two days of interviews Cunningham recounted his highly diversified military career. Born 18 February 1953, Guy Cunningham spent his formative years on a farm near Plant City, Florida. His father, Julian, had just gone on reserve status after serving as an Army artillery scout in the Korean War. Guy, the oldest of six kids, four boys and a set of twin girls, said church and family played a very important role in his upbringing. "Dad believed in hard work," he said, recalling the many mornings he rose at 0500 to milk cows. "Mom placed a lot of importance on academics." When he graduated from high school in 1971, he wanted to become a physician. He enrolled at St. Leo's college as a chemistry major. The Vietnam War was still going strong, and during his freshman year, Guy's draft status was changed from 2S to 1A. His lottery number was 11. Cunningham decided to enlist.

After basic training, Guy went to jump school at Fort Benning, where he graduated on 31 August 1972 and was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne as an M60 machine gunner. "After I got out of jump school and went to the 101st, my dad got pretty excited,"

Guy recalled with relish. "He was still a reservist and decided he wanted to go airborne. So in May 1973, at the age of 42, Dad went to jump school. He has to be one of the very few men who graduated from Army jump school after his son did."

Two of Guy's other three brothers also went to jump school and, like their dad, also became Special Forces qualified. When the last brother graduated from jump school in 1976, the first four paratroopers out of the door were Cunninghams. "We jumped in order of our graduation dates," Guy said. "I was first, then my dad, then Gary and then Matt. We made all five jumps like that. I don't know where it is now, but there was a plaque commemorating the event in the hall of history at Fort Benning."

Cunningham had told the Army recruiter when he enlisted that he wanted to go to Vietnam. "I was very strong in my feelings about fighting communism. Even with all the war protests and social upheaval at the time, I felt very strongly that I had a role to play in the Vietnam War." That was not to be, though, as the 101st withdrew.

Still interested in medicine, Cunningham requested transfer to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he was trained as a medical clinical specialist. He then went to Letterman Army Medical Center in California for advanced training. He was the honor graduate of that 40-week program, during which time he worked nights as an ambulance steward for the city and county of San Francisco. By now, he'd also completed basic non-commissioned officers school at Fort Ord, and on the second anniversary of his enlistment, Cunningham was promoted to E-5. At this juncture of his military career, Cunningham decided he wanted to join Army Special Forces. But because his present job was considered critical and in short supply, Cunningham's request for application was turned down.

"I had been taking care of this chaplain who had occasional chest pains," Guy recalled. "We had developed quite a friendship. One day, out of the blue, he asked me if there was anything in the military that I had a desire to accomplish. I told him my application to Special Forces had been

turned down, but that I still wanted to go. Not too long after that, a two-star general came to visit the chaplain and left two days later with my service record. A few weeks later, I had orders to report to the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg."

In 1977, Special Forces troops at Bragg were still part of the XVIII Airborne Corps command structure. "We were not well liked," Cunningham recalled. "We had to



Master Sgt. Julian Cunningham sits proudly before three of his sons who served with him in the 20th SFG. From left, Sgt. Matt Cunningham, Sgt. Gary Cunningham and Sgt. 1st Class Guy Cunningham, now a Navy lieutenant commander and author of the controversial combat arms survey. Between the family members all four A-team training specialties are covered. Photo: courtesy Guy Cunningham

participate in post beautification programs ... I was getting frustrated. This was during the [Jimmy] Carter administration and he was not a strong supporter of Special Forces. I saw the handwriting on the wall for the peacetime military."

Deciding he wanted to finish his college education, Cunningham requested transfer to active reserve status and was transferred to the 20th Special Forces Group. He enrolled at the University of South Florida.

As a weekend warrior, Sergeant 1st Class Guy Cunningham found himself in good — and familiar — company at 20th Special Forces Group. Also assigned to the same company of the same battalion were his dad, Master Sgt. Julian Cunningham, and two of his three brothers, Sgts. Gary and Matt Cunningham. Between the four of them, they covered the four Green Beret specialties. Guy was a senior medical specialist; his dad was weapons man; Gary was a combat engi-

neer, and Matt was a communications specialist. At one point, three of the four were assigned to the same team. When the unit was activated to help restore order after the Miami riots of July 1980, the father and three sons served together.

Guy Cunningham graduated from the University of South Florida with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1981. He was thinking about returning to active duty in the Army, but heard that the Navy had raised its age restriction for pilots to 29. Guy resigned from the reserves, signed up for the Navy and graduated from aviation officer candidate school. On his 29th birthday, Guy had his pilot wings pinned on by his dad, who wore a Green Beret uniform.

Guy decided to fly the P3 Orion. "because it had a real-world mission, in wartime or peacetime," he explained. "It's an anti-submarine warfare platform and works independently, finding and tracking Soviet submarines." He served with P3 squadrons in Jacksonville, Florida, and then Spain, Sicily and the Azores, before being assigned to Bermuda. It was during this latter assignment that Cunningham piloted his aircraft in a close encounter with a crippled Soviet ballistic-missile submarine.

"The sub was forced to surface after a fire in a missile tube about 200 miles off Bermuda," Cunningham said. "Aircraft were restricted to 1,500 feet because of ominous, bromide-colored smoke coming from the hatch. One morning, as the sun was rising after an all-night patrol, I noticed there was no more smoke, so I was the first aircraft to get to go in close. I got down to 200 feet and got some great photographs. I could see Soviet officers in the conning tower real well. And they could see me. I made several passes before two of their aircraft came on the scene."

It was during this assignment that Cunningham became qualified as a mission commander, unusual for a first-tour pilot. No wonder, then, that when he left the squadron in December 1986, he was sent to the Naval Flight Officer (NFO) School in Pensacola, Florida, to become a flight instructor for basic pilot instruction. Eight months later, he became the senior propeller instructor for the ba-

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AK101 is the first Kalashnikov made in Russia chambered for the 5.56x45mm NATO cartridge.

THE Black Kalashnikovs

NATO Caliber AK Robust, Reliable and Now Accurate

Text & Photos by Peter G. Kokalis

In numbers produced, no infantry rifle in the history of modern warfare even comes close to the *Avtomat Kalashnikova obrazets 1947g* (Kalashnikov assault rifle model 1947). It is estimated that approximately 50 million have been produced by at least a dozen countries, including Russia, China, East Germany, Hungary, Romania, Poland, North Korea, the former Yugoslavia, Finland, Egypt, Israel (the Galil derivative) and South Africa (the R4 series). In addition to

Eastern Europe, the Kalashnikov has been fielded throughout Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America.

Chambered for the caliber 7.62x39mm intermediate-size cartridge, it was adopted by the Soviet army in 1949 after more than four years of development. Between 1948 and 1950, the AK47 was manufactured with a sheet-metal receiver. By 1951, this type had been replaced by the far more common variant with a machined drop-forged receiver (there

were two models of this variant and they differed principally in the method by which the buttstock was attached to the receiver). The AKM (*Modernizirovanniy Avtomat sistemi Kalashnikova*) version, again with a pinned and riveted sheet-metal receiver, was introduced in 1959. The *Avtomat Kalashnikova* continued to evolve and by the mid-1970s the caliber 5.45x39mm AK74 rifle and RPK74 squad automatic (the later manufactured at Vyatskiye Polyany Arsenal)

were adopted. I was able to test and evaluate these latter two models extensively during *Soldier Of Fortune's* training mission to Afghanistan in 1983.

During my recent trip to Russia to participate in the celebration of



AK101, chambered for the 5.56x45mm NATO round, exhibited significantly greater accuracy potential than rifles in this series chambered for either the 7.62x39mm or 5.45x39mm cartridges.

Mikhail T. Kalashnikov's 75th birthday, I was presented with the opportunity to test and evaluate the new AK100 series which incorporates some unique new features. The AK100 series was developed and is manufactured at the state-owned Izhmash factory (Dept. SOF, 3 Derjabin Str., 426006 Izhevsk, Russia; phone: 011-7-3412-240702, fax: 011-7-3412-781055). Dr. Kalashnikov is the chief designer at the Izhmash plant. Located 1,130 kilometers east of Moscow in the western part of the Urals, Izhevsk, formerly a closed city, has a population of 730,000. Its small-arms factory was established in 1807, making it the third such facility established in Russia. (Tula Arsenal was founded in 1712 and that of Sestrozetsk — not far from St. Petersburg — in 1722, although the latter no longer produces small arms and is now a machine tool factory.)

The AK100 series is available in three chamberings: 5.56x45mm NATO and the traditional 7.62x39mm and 5.45x39mm rounds. The weights, empty and without a magazine vary from 6.4 to 6.6 pounds (2.9 to 3.0 kilograms) for the short-barreled versions and 7.3 to 7.5 pounds (3.3 to 3.4 kilograms) for the models with standard-length barrels. The AK102 (cali-

ber 5.56x45mm NATO), AK104 (caliber 7.62x39mm) and AK105 (caliber 5.45x39mm) have barrel lengths of 12.4 inches (314 mm). Their overall lengths are 32.4 inches (824 mm) with the buttstock extended and 23.1 inches (586 mm) with the stock folded. They

are intended to compete with short-barreled assault rifles, such as the M16A2 M4 Carbine, South African R5, Israeli Galil SAR, Spanish CETME LC and German HK33KE Carbine.

The AK101 (caliber 5.56x45mm NATO) and AK103 (caliber 7.62x39mm) have barrel lengths of 16.3 inches (415 mm). Their overall lengths are 37.1 inches (943 mm) with the buttstock extended and 27.6 inches (700 mm) with the stock folded. All AK100 series barrels have four-groove rifling and chrome-lined bores and chambers. The direction of twist is right hand with a rate of one turn in 7 inches (180 mm) in both 5.56x45mm NATO and 5.45x39mm calibers and one turn in 9.5 inches (240 mm) in caliber 7.62x39mm. The familiar AK cleaning rod still rests under all of these barrels.

The receiver remains the same as

the AKM/AK74. It is a 1-mm-thick "U" section of stamped sheet metal extensively supported by pins and rivets. The rails on which the bolt reciprocates are stamped and spot-welded to the inside of the receiver. Thirteen components, including the front and rear sight assemblies, trigger and three other trigger assembly parts, front and rear top-handguard brackets, gas plug, buttstock bracket, rear sling swivel, bayonet fixture and folding buttstock latch, are investment castings supplied by the Izhevsk Mechanical Plant, which manufactures the KLIN/KEDR submachine gun series, Makarov and PSM pistols and Baikal shotguns. Russian AKMs, AK74s and RPKs were traditionally finished with a glossy black baked enamel over phosphate. All rifles in the AK100 series carry a black phosphate finish.

Kalashnikovs are gas-operated, but have no gas regulator. I have never seen a Kalashnikov malfunction as a result of fouling, and I have fired hundreds of them from Afghanistan to El



All rifles in the AK100 series have cyclic rates of 600 rpm, which permit operators to consistently fire two-shot bursts with a minimal amount of training. This technique provides maximum hit probability in the full-auto mode.



AK105, chambered for the 5.45x39mm round, has a 12.4-inch barrel with an effective muzzle device and a side-folding buttstock.



AK103, chambered for the 7.62x39mm cartridge, with 16.3-inch barrel and AK74 muzzle brake. Left-side view.

Salvador, with stopoffs in Africa and Bosnia-Herzegovina in between. Two variants, the Polish PMK-DGN-60 and Yugoslavian M70B1/AB2 have gas cutoffs to permit firing rifle grenades with ballistite (blank) cartridges. Kalashnikovs are locked-breech designs with rotary bolts and fire from the closed-bolt position.

Standard Operating Procedures

They operate as follows: After ignition of the primer and propellant, gases are diverted into the gas cylinder on top of the barrel. The piston is driven rearward and the bolt carrier, attached to the piston extension, goes through the necessary amount of free-travel until the gas pressure drops to a safe level. A cam-slot milled into the bolt carrier engages the bolt's cam lug and rotates the bolt about 35 degrees to the left to unlock it from its recesses in the barrel extension. Unlike many other designs, the Kalashnikov provides no primary extraction during bolt rotation. Thus, in all three calibers, an exceptionally large extractor claw is required.

As the bolt travels back it rolls the hammer over and compresses the recoil spring. The bolt group ceases its rearward travel when the carrier slams into the rear end of the receiver. The recoil spring then drives the bolt group forward, another round is stripped from the magazine and chambered, and the bolt then comes to rest. The bolt carrier continues onward for about 5.5mm after the bolt's two locking lugs have engaged their recesses in the barrel extension. The long, single-strand recoil spring is wrapped around a guide rod consisting of two U-shaped pieces of steel wire stock. The front retaining cap

permits user separation of the spring and rod. The rear end of the guide rod assembly slides into a notch on top of the receiver's end piece and serves to hold the stamped sheet-metal receiver top cover in place. AKM and AK74 top covers had a ribbed con-

figuration for added strength. Top covers for the AK100 series have no ribbing.

The trigger mechanism is based upon that of the M1 Garand. The hammer has two hooks, and there are two sears: a primary sear on an extension of the trigger and a spring-loaded secondary sear directly to the rear. When the hammer is cocked, its left side hook is held by the primary sear. When the trigger is pulled, the trigger extension rotates forward and the primary sear disengages, leaving the hammer free to rotate forward. In semiautomatic fire, when the bolt rolls the hammer back, it is caught at the rear by the secondary sear. When the trigger is released, the trigger extension and primary sear move back to catch the hammer as it is released by the secondary sear. In full-auto, a



AK104, chambered for the 7.62x39mm cartridge, with 12.4-inch barrel and AKSU74-type muzzle device. Right-side view.

boss on the selector-lever axis pin forces the secondary sear back so that it plays no role in controlling the hammer. The trigger mechanism's mainspring is of multiple-strand type, which lasts longer and offers better performance under adverse conditions.

There is also an auto-safety-sear which protrudes through a slot in

the right receiver rail. In full-auto, the auto-safety-sear holds the hammer back and it must be tripped by the bolt carrier to free the hammer to fire another round.

The selector lever, a stamped sheet-metal bar on the right side of the receiver is manipulated by the thumb and remains, in my opinion, one of the Kalashnikov's few defects. It is noisy, stiff and difficult to operate, but its firing modes have been located in a logical manner. The top position is "safe" (usually either un-



Short-barreled AK104, chambered for the 7.62x39mm round. Left-side view.

marked or with a Cyrillic "PR"). In this position, the trigger is blocked, but the bolt can be retracted just enough to see if the chamber has a loaded round. The middle position (marked "AB") provides for full-auto fire. The lower position (marked "OA") is for semiautomatic fire. Under stress, the operator will invariably push the selector bar all the way downward into the semiautomatic position. That is exactly how the weapon should be employed in almost every instance. To obtain full-auto fire, the operator must consciously push the selector bar back up to the center notch on the receiver.

SOF Gets It Right

With the introduction of the AKM and its pinned and riveted sheet-metal receiver, a five-component device was



Caliber 7.62x39mm AK104 with buttstock folded. Left-side view.

AK100 Series Specifications

- Caliber:** 5.56x45mm NATO (AK101 and AK102); 7.62x39mm (AK103 and AK104); and 5.45x39mm (AK105).
- Operation:** Gas-operated without a regulator, locked-breech with a rotary bolt, fires from the closed-bolt position.
- Cyclic rate:** 600 rpm.
- Feed:** Black, fiberglass-reinforced polyamide, 30-round, two-position-feed, staggered-column, detachable box-type magazine.
- Weight, empty and without a magazine:** 6.4 to 6.6 pounds (2.9 to 3.0 kilograms) for short-barreled AK102, AK104 and AK105; 7.3 to 7.5 pounds (3.3 to 3.4 kilograms) for AK101 and AK103.
- Length, overall:** With stock extended, 32.4 inches (824 mm) for AK102, AK104 and AK105 and 37.1 inches (943 mm) for AK101 and AK103; with stock folded, 23.1 inches (586 mm) for AK102, AK104 and AK105 and 27.6 inches (700 mm) for AK101 and AK103.
- Barrel:** Chrome-lined bores and chambers; four-groove rifling with right-hand twist; one turn in 7 inches (180 mm) for 5.56x45mm NATO and 5.45x39mm and one turn in 9.5 inches (240 mm) for 7.62x39mm.
- Barrel lengths:** 12.4 inches (314 mm) for AK102, AK104 and AK105; 16.3 inches (415 mm) for AK101 and AK103.
- Sights:** Round-post-type front sight with protective ears, adjustable for both elevation and windage zero. Sliding tangent-type rear sight with an open U-notch adjustable for elevation only to 1,000 meters in 100-meter increments, 300-meter battlesight setting.
- Finish:** Black phosphate.
- Furniture:** Black fiberglass-reinforced polyamide buttstock, pistol grip, forearm and top handguard.
- Manufacturer:** Izhmash, Dept. SOF, 3 Derjabin Str., 426006 Izhevsk, Russia; phone: 011-7-3412-240702, fax: 011-7-3412-781055.
- Accessories:** Sling, buttstock cleaning kit, bayonet, optical sights and night vision devices.
- Status:** Currently in production; new PIP version of an infantry rifle series still in service throughout the world.
- T&E summary:** Robust with outstanding reliability. Battle-proven design with few defects. Enhanced accuracy with addition of 5.56x45mm NATO model. Refinements include side-folding stock, optical sight base and improved forearm.



Caliber 7.62x39mm AK104, fieldstripped.

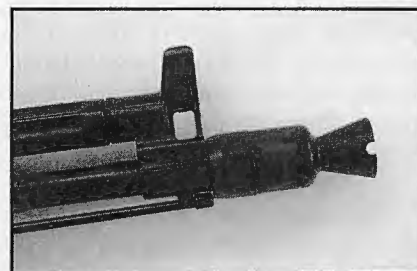
added to the trigger mechanism on the right side. *Jane's Infantry Weapons* originally stated that this was a rate reducer and even more recently, an author insisted in an article in *Machine Gun News* that that was indeed its purpose.

I decided in 1983 in Afghanistan that this was not the case. Any reduction in the cyclic rate is minimal and probably just an added benefit. It was my opinion that changing from the AK47's substantial, milled drop-forged receiver to a relatively thin sheet-metal receiver body altered the



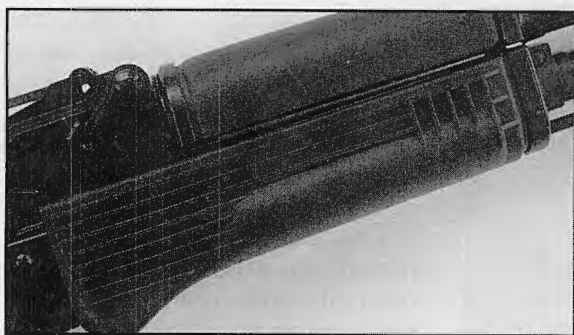
AK74-type muzzle brake used on AK101 (5.56x45mm NATO) and AK103 (7.62x39mm) is remarkably effective in reducing both muzzle jump and perceived recoil, but the flash signature is increased dramatically and the side blast is horrendous.

system's bolt bounce characteristics. Bolt bounce is the tendency of the bolt to move back and forth before it comes to a complete rest and totally into battery. A sheet-metal receiver would increase the amount of bolt



Short-barreled AK101, AK104 and AK105 have a cylindrical muzzle device with a cone-shaped flash hider that reduces the flash signature, moderates the muzzle blast and increases functional reliability.

bounce and the potential for firing out of battery, which could damage the weapon and injure the operator. It was my opinion that this was an "anti-bounce device" and that it served as a mechanical drag on the hammer to



AK100 series forearms and top handguards are made from black, fiberglass-reinforced polyamide. The forearm has been redesigned with pronounced vertical and horizontal ribs to provide an enhanced gripping surface.

delay its forward rotation until the bolt was securely into battery (all a matter of milliseconds).

My several private dinner meetings with Mikhail T. Kalashnikov provided me with a unique opportunity to talk about this topic, as well as numerous other technical matters. When I discussed this subject with him, he told me that I was correct and that, furthermore, he found it amusing that anyone would suppose this was a "rate reducer."

The cyclic rate of the AK100 series is 600 rpm in all calibers. This permits operators to consistently fire two-shot bursts with a minimal amount of training. This technique provides maximum hit probability in the full-auto mode.

Two different muzzle devices appear on the AK100 series. The two models with standard-length barrels, the AK101 (5.56x45mm NATO) and AK103 (7.62x39mm) use the AK74 muzzle device, which is attached to the muzzle by means of left-hand threads and held in place by a spring-loaded button. It is easily removed. The major portion of the brake consists of a large, 2-inch-long expansion chamber. Three vent holes have been drilled into the rear end of the chamber, one on the right and two toward the top.

The location of the ports diminishes muzzle climb upward and to the right when the rifle is fired by a right-handed shooter, and deflects gases sideways, preventing backblast from reaching the firer. Two large vertical cuts have been made at the forward end of the brake on each side, and are offset toward upper-dead-center to further drive the muzzle downward.

Finally, a flat plate (open in the center for passage of the projectile) deflects the gases to produce a forward thrust. This brake is remarkably effective in reducing both muzzle jump and perceived recoil and thus significantly increasing hit probability. There are, however, several undesirable tradeoffs. The flash signature is increased dramatically and the side blast is hor-

rendous. The possibility of substantial audio damage to anyone standing on either side of this muzzle brake is a serious consideration.

The short-barreled models: AK102 (5.56x45mm NATO), AK104 (7.62x39mm) and AK105 (5.45x39mm), have a cylindrical muzzle device with a cone-shaped flash hider that duplicates the one



Left side of AK100 series buttstock, which is made from black, fiberglass-reinforced polyamide. Note cutout to accommodate scope mount riveted to the receiver and the spring-loaded latch at the rear which holds the side-folding stock against the left side of the receiver.

found on the AKSU74 (manufactured at Tula Arsenal) with its 7.9-inch (200 mm) barrel. Most Western authorities have presumed that this muzzle attachment serves only to reduce the flash signature and as a sound moderator to lessen the muzzle blast. It does, but its most important function lies in another area. Gas-operated weapons with short barrels are often plagued with reliability problems. Because the muzzle is so close to the barrel's gas port, most of the propellant gases escape into the atmosphere when the bullet passes out of the muzzle. This drops the port pressure significantly and leaves very little gas to drive the piston rearward. The re-

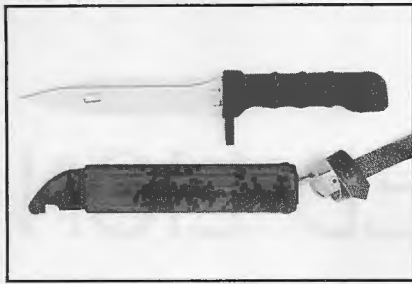
sult is a recoil impulse below that required for reliable operation of the reciprocating parts. Both the early short-barreled FN FAL Para model and the Stoner 63A with the short fluted-barrel exhibited reliability difficulties of this type. Project engineers Alexi Dragunov and Victor Kalashnikov informed me that the cylinder on this muzzle device traps gases and creates an inverted turbulence that drives gases back to the barrel port to maintain the port pressure required for reliable operation.

Magazines for all of the AK100 series hold 30 rounds. No tool is required to load these two-position-feed, staggered-column, detachable box-type magazines. Kalashnikov magazines, among the most reliable ever fielded, have undergone an interesting evolution. The very first AK magazines had plain slab-sided steel bodies. Subsequent steel-bodied magazines had stamped sheet-metal bodies with prominent reinforcing ribs. When the AKM was introduced,

a magazine with a lightweight aluminum body was fielded. It proved to be insubstantial and was quickly withdrawn from service. This aluminum magazine was replaced by the well-known magazine featuring a body made of glass-reinforced, rust-colored, polyethylene plastic. Molded in two

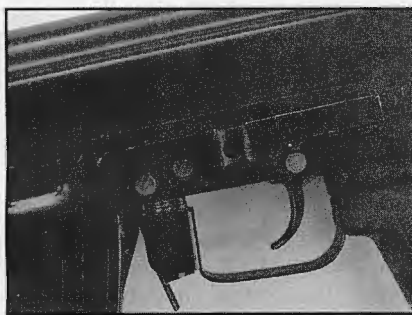
parts, the magazine body was assembled using a viscous two-part epoxy resin adhesive. This was followed in turn by a magazine with a body of dark-brown buterate plastic (also called ABS) of the type commonly used in appliance manufacture in the United States. The two body components, probably vacuum-formed, were heat-molded together rather than glued.

AK100 series magazines are made from black, fiberglass-reinforced, thermosetting (this indicates that heat is used to cure the resin) polyamide (epoxy-based resin). Injection-molded polyamides are super industrial-strength synthetics well known for



While still of the wire-cutter type, AK100 series bayonets now have a spear-point shape, instead of the former clipped bowie configuration, and, for the first time, a really sharp factory edge.

their resistance to high temperatures, corrosion, wear, chemicals and radiation. Lighter than steel, they have a



A scope mount, similar to that of the Dragunov sniper rifle, is riveted to the left side of the AK100 series receiver.

higher tensile strength than aluminum. These magazines vary in geometry with the thickness of the cartridge case. Thus, magazines for the 7.62x39mm round exhibit the most curvature, while those for the 5.56x45mm NATO round have the least curvature.

With one exception, Kalashnikovs do not have a hold-open device and thus after the last round has been fired, the bolt group will travel forward into battery without chambering a round. There has been some criticism of this, but in the field most operators first load two or three rounds of tracer, if available, to indicate the magazine is running dry. Yugoslavian AK magazines have a projection on the follower that will hold the bolt group rearward. However, when the empty magazine is removed, the bolt will immediately fly forward.

Kalashnikov magazines must be rocked into and out of the magazine-well during insertion and removal and tactical reloading suffers as a conse-

quence. In this area the M16 wins, although M16 magazines themselves are distinctly inferior to those of the Kalashnikov. The AK's magazine catch/release is a spring-loaded, paddle-type in a housing at the front end of, and integral with, the stamped sheet-metal trigger guard.

The buttstock, pistol grip, forearm and top handguard surrounding the tubular sheet-metal gas cylinder are also made from black, fiberglass-reinforced polyamide. The forearm has been redesigned with pronounced vertical and horizontal ribs to provide an enhanced gripping surface. The gas tube itself contains longitudinal depressions around its entire circumference to provide a reduced bearing surface for the piston and permit excess gas blow-by. The buttstock folds to the left. It has a cutout on the left side to accommodate the scope mount (similar to that of the Dragunov sniper rifle, which is also manufactured at the Izhmash plant) riveted to the left side of the receiver.

The right side of the buttstock has the same peculiar longitudinal groove found on both sides of the laminated-wood buttstock of the AK74. These grooves have long been a subject of speculation in the West. Some suggested they were intended to distinguish between the 5.45x39mm-caliber AK74 and the earlier 7.62x39mm-caliber AKM. One of the more imaginative explanations was that they provided a gripping surface when the weapon was deployed through the firing port of an armored fighting vehicle. Both Alexi Dragunov and Victor Kalashnikov explained to me that conversion of the AKM to the AK74 increased the weight above that stipulated by the Soviet army as the bar-

rel, whose outside diameter remained the same, weighed more because of the smaller bore. The AK74 project team was instructed to lower the weapon's overall weight in every possible area. As improbable as it seems, these longitudinal grooves on the sides of the buttstock were one way of doing so.

Although calibrated to match the trajectory of any one of three different cartridges, AK100 sights are essentially those of previous Kalashnikovs. The front sight remains a threaded, round-post-type with protective ears that is adjustable for both elevation and windage zero. The rear sight is a sliding tangent-type with



AK100 series is chambered for three different cartridges. Left to right: 7.62x39mm, 5.45x39mm and 5.56x45mm NATO.

an open U-notch. It is adjustable for elevation only to 1,000 meters in 100-meter increments. This is nonsense, as 1,000 meters is well beyond the accuracy potential of either the rifle or operator and the wound ballistics effectiveness of any of the three cartridges. There is a battlesight setting (marked with a Cyrillic "P") just behind the 100-meter mark. In elevation, it is the equivalent of 300 meters.

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A MAN CALLED LION

by Galen L. Geer

Few people can go to Africa just once. Most of us must go back two, three, or more times, because one trip is not enough of Africa. When the dark continent gets in your blood you must also read about it. Whether preparing for your first trip or planning your 10th, reading the classics about Africa feeds the hunger for adventure that this land spawns.

Reading about Africa must include at least one of John Taylor's books, because his works explore in depth the cartridges, guns and hunting that together become the African adventure. His classic works, *Big Game And Big Game Rifles* and *African Rifles And Cartridges*, continue to be must-read handbooks for hunters of the world's dangerous game, largely because the books are written from the viewpoint of a man who lived what he wrote about.

As much as Taylor knew about his subject, and was respected for that knowledge, he was also a mystery in his time. And he remains a mystery today. Peter Hathaway Capstick, whose previous works include *Death In The Long Grass*, *The Last Ivory Hunter* and *Last Horizons*, is one of today's leading authors and is certainly today's best known African adventure writer. His books have reestablished the romance

of the African safari after the long dearth of good African adventure in the post-Vietnam era.

With the success of his own books on African hunting, and his knowledge of African hunting writers and historical figures, Capstick's decision to write a book about Taylor is not surprising: He is the logical person to write it and Capstick even takes the title of the book from Taylor himself. Taylor's Chiunyingwe name, "Pondoro," translates as "lion." This

title was a tribute to Taylor and reflected the high esteem in which many of the natives held him.

John Taylor was born in Ireland in 1904. His independent spirit kept him in some sort of hot water at every age, and eventually he was arrested by the Sinn Fein and kicked out of Ireland. Taylor and his brother made their way to Canada, where he was expected to become a productive member of society. He failed miserably, falling

in with bootleggers instead. In 1922 he made his way to Capetown, South Africa. From there Taylor went north, wanting to make his way in the world as a professional hunter. In Bulawayo, Rhodesia, he bought a B.S.A. .303 sporter rifle and ammunition, and set off on his life-long odyssey, with side trips to the British South Africa Police (from which he was dishonor-

ably discharged) and employment at a mission.

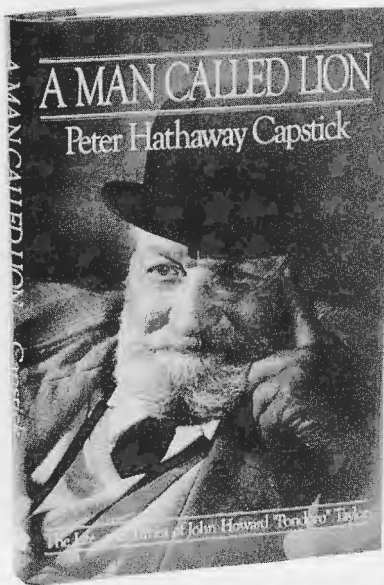
In 1924 he met Joro, his first gun bearer, and the two men set out to hunt along the Zambezi. Subsequent adventures included working as a lion hunter and an elephant hunter (poacher), and traveling to Australia and New Zealand to work on sheep ranches, which was interrupted by an exciting poaching raid into New Guinea for feathers from birds-of-paradise.

Taylor made his way back to Africa and in 1938 he befriended a young black man, Aly Ndemanga, who years later showed up at Taylor's fire and took over the duties of running Taylor's camp. The two men had a long and — some writers speculate — intimate relationship.

A large part of *A Man Called Lion* is taken from the private observations of Brian Marsh, a professional hunter who knew Taylor. In fact, Capstick writes large sections of the book from Marsh's viewpoint, as he relates the incidents and stories to Capstick. It is a technique that gives the book a real closeness to Taylor. He isn't just a figure from history: John "Pondoro" Taylor is a person who lived an adventure.

One aspect of Taylor's life the book does not cover sufficiently is his conversion to the Muslim faith. There are times when the conversion seems deeply rooted in Taylor's spiritual dependence on a mystical world, and other times the conversion appears to have been little more than an effort by Taylor to set himself apart from other African hunters.

Most people associate Taylor with hunting elephants, and Taylor claimed to have killed some 1,500 during his career as both a legitimate hunter and



A Man Called Lion by Peter Capstick is available from Safari Press, Dept. SOF, Box 3095, Long Beach, CA 90803; phone: 800-451-4788. \$24.95 plus \$3.75 shipping.

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PATRIOTS OR PARANOIDS?

Black Helicopters: Strike Force for a New World Order? by Craig B. Hulet

Black helicopters have come to symbolize in the minds of conspiracy theorists the New World Order's impending takeover of the United States. And writing off those who have seen what appears to be a black helicopter is hardly sufficient, because maybe they did.

Giving them their due is the only proper approach because there *are* black helicopters. I have seen a few myself — black trucks, cars and boats, too. What troubles people about having seen such an apparition isn't the chopper itself; the concern is what the choppers are doing and who the scary people inside are.

Conspiracy lovers will inform you that these strange sightings are from a mysterious Multi Jurisdictional Task Force (MJTF), part of the New World Order, manned by U.N. stormtroopers

or American soldiers under U.N. command and organized to hunt down good patriots bearing arms. This MJTF and other ultra-secret groups known only to the conspiracist fringe are, in their minds, highly secretive forces. The problem is that conspiracy buffs are seeing *concepts* as actual *things*. That MJTF and the New World Order are only ideas is out of their cognitive reach.

There have always been task forces formed by various agencies that face jurisdictional impairments without joining forces. It means nothing. It is an effort by someone to do some thing. But in the crazy, convoluted world of conspiracists every "thing" is suspect, especially those things not understood. That there are actually black helicopters out there is true. The FBI has a few, DEA had some

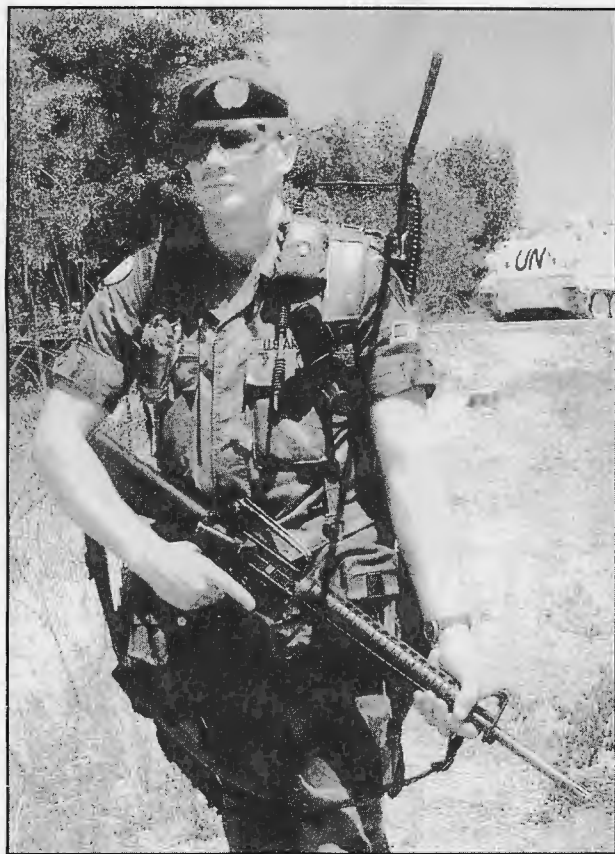
and the Forest Service may on occasion, but only because they rent on contract.

I contacted *Aviation Week & Space Technology's* senior military editor who believed he had seen one or two himself, but couldn't remember when or whose it was. When I told him I was trying to track down who might have a good number of the mysterious black birds, he laughed. We talked about black budgets for black programs, but no MJTF or other sinister agency came up during our conversation.

All military services, including the National Guard and Reserves, have designated colors for their aircraft. Olive drab is the U.S. Army's color, blue for the Navy and sort of a bluish-gray for the Air Force. Nobody has but a few black anything because

their colors are dictated by higher command.

But don't a few black choppers exist within the military forces for



This is the enemy? American trooper serving under U.N. command conjures up sinister images for black helicopter crowd. By their interpretation he's carrying a radio so he can receive orders directly from his New World Order taskmasters. Mix a few facts with a vivid imagination and you get some far-out scenarios. Photo: DoD

special purposes like night ops? I was told in the clearest of tones, "We don't need black to fly night ops." There is little need to use that color since Electronic Counter Measures (ECMs) are far superior to any color scheme in disguising flight. Most military helicopters, though, have received over the past years a special chemical-resistant coating that substantially darkens the olive drab making it appear black.

I have in my files several dozen "evidence" photographs of mysterious black helicopters with no visible markings. The markings that all helicopters have are black, and little contrast is the desired effect since the military does not want the markings to be visible to personnel on the ground. So why should it be surprising that military helicopters appear to be unmarked?

But the black helo myth has

evolved further than colors and markings. The fiction now includes specific black helo behavior. Black choppers may shy away if witnesses or law officers try to approach. Several accounts of aggressive behavior on the part of the helicopter occupants has been reported. These occupants are even dressed in black. Black helicopters are not on military operations, but rather are operated by FEMA to populate at least 96 underground detention centers secretly funded by the U.S. government, the myth goes.

These helicopters have taken on the suggestive appearance of UFOs if anyone would just admit it. They have a kind of cartoon quality as well. They shy away from us. They become aggressive if we draw too close. They don't want us to know where they come from so they

have no markings, etc.

If the mystery of black helicopters is so easily dismissed, then the issue cannot be their color, but why people fear them. Have suggestions by militia leaders and conspiracists been of such a nature as to cause people, already terrified by the haunting tales of Waco and Weaver, to rise to a level of mass hysteria?

The whole phenomena must be addressed by delving into the militia mentality itself — their theories about how the world works and who is pulling the strings. Only then does the picture become clear.

I have studied government abuse and corporate corruption professionally for some 26 years. I have troubled myself enough to read most of the conspiracy books and tabloids, and have gained an insight into the militia movement that may explain the hysteria. Many of their worries are

fiction. Their feared New World Order is not a thing, but an idea that has been around since the turn of the century. Its definition changes with each rendition. H.G. Wells wrote a book with the same title. Bertrand Russell longed for a world government to end all war, but noted it would not be himself at the helm and prognosticated a rather gloomy outcome.

On the other hand, many of their arguments are valid concerns. GATT, NAFTA and the Mexican bail-out are each erosions of U.S. sovereignty and an outrage to America's working class. The assault weapons ban was as absurd as George Bush's first ban on six assault weapons by executive order. The Brady Act is de facto registration of all firearms.

Yet, there is no conspiracy to achieve these things, only outrage that



Are U.N. missions just dress rehearsals for invasion of United States? Far-right lunatic fringe seems to think so, inventing ominous scenarios to explain fairly mundane events. Americans involved in U.N. ops, foreign troops training in U.S. and black helicopter sightings are frequently cited as proof that something's afoot. Photo: DoD

they occurred. No hidden agenda or secret druidism exists behind all this. An occasional criminal conspiracy surfaces and can result in a scandal such as Waco. These indignations against this country's citizens have certainly fueled fear and frustration. But a vast master plan does not exist.

The reason these apparitions and theories figure so prominently is be-

Black Helicopters Over America!

Perhaps inevitably, a book about black helicopters and their plans to enslave us all has been published. Written by Jim Keith, *Black Helicopters Over America* is destined to be on the night table of every conspiracist.

My first question on seeing this tome was, "Who wrote it?" With the myriad sightings and complex conspiracies involved, who would be qualified to write a comprehensive book on the subject? Answer: why, a UFO expert, of course.

Keith is described as a veteran researcher and claims his book is based on "hundreds of reports from all over the land of these ominous black craft." He does indeed have a long history in research, so veteran may be acceptable. But what he researches may shed some light on his take, his views and possible reasons for reasoning as he does. His three previous books, advertised in the magazine *Flatland*, are *Secret and Suppressed* (Keith, editor), *The Gemstone File* (Keith, editor) and *Casebook For Alternative 3* (Keith, author). All three are hardcore UFO/mind control titles. A *Flatland* editor even sums up one book quite well with: "If you're a conspiracy hound, you won't be disappointed."

Black Helicopters is something of a disappointment for me as many of Keith's reliable sources are, surprise, Mark Koernke, Harry Martin (editor of the conspiracist *Napa Valley Sentinel* newspaper), *The Spotlight* and many, many un-named ranchers and "folks." Keith reassures us, though, that "These are not easily dismissed occurrences linked to the lunatic fringe, but are often solid reports sometimes backed up by photos which cannot be disputed."

For sources he often cites — himself: "In my book *Casebook on Alternative 3*, I talk about little-known ...". Well, that's it — confirmed documentation!

Keith is "not willing to absolutely rule out the possibility that some of these sightings of black helicopters might have something to do with UFOs of a truly alien variety, as many researchers have suggested."

Personally, I'm relieved; it had me worried some. More reassurance from Keith comes forward because ... "it is quite possible that the government is also spreading stories of flying saucers in order to confuse what is actually taking place."

How do we know this, Mr. Keith? Quoting, once again himself ... "We know for a fact that they have done this in certain instances, as I document elsewhere in *Casebook on Alternative 3*."

OK, but what is the *Casebook*? The magazine *Flatland* says it's: "Not for those who like footnotes, sources, or attributed facts. Fun, though..."

Does any of this begin to have a familiar ring to it? Mark Koernke's nonsense is taken verbatim as fact; Harry Martin is cited as a "newspaper" source and *Spotlight* is, well, *Spotlight*. There are little maps of confirmed police locations, notes about their plans to "convert street gangs into law enforcement," and a map of "Likely Locations of Concentration Camps." There is little in this book not already known to followers of the worst kinds of conspiracy lunacy; FEMA, U.N. "bases" on American soil; Russian tanks and all the rest, mostly rehashed from *The Spotlight* (see related article in this issue).

In addition to the affront of seeing the Militia of Montana cited as a "source," we are treated with what amounts to the worst insult to rational intelligence: Photographic "evidence," "which cannot be disputed," of black helicopters — using black and white pictures!

Still, the irrational is taken to the greatest heights in the closing chapter. Keith outlines seven "possibilities" open to the reader as "options for effective action" to stopping the New World Order takeover, as he sees it. Most are rather trite but numbers six and seven should be noted:

6. Use your own intelligence to evolve methods for stopping or, if worst comes to worst, overthrowing the New World Order.

7. Although the situation may be grimmer than grim, do not succumb to hysteria. We need to think clearly and to act clearly. Don't buy into every screwy scenario and bit of doomsaying that comes down the pike ... Work to see through disinformation, even if it comes from the mouth of a flag-draped "patriot."

If your reading menu is that of so many militia members, which is to say a never-changing diet, this book is for you. Since *Black Helicopters Over America* does nothing to dispel the myths or even attempt to get to the bottom of them, it cannot be recommended for those seeking an insightful, balanced or rational account. It's available for \$12.95 plus postage from IllumiNet Press, P.O. Box 2808, Lilburn, Georgia 30226.

— C.B.H.

cause the militia leadership wants them to. And therein lies the danger. The Mark Koernkes and Linda Thompsons who espouse conspiracist doctrine are dangerous because, like much of the militia leadership, theirs is the "big lie," exactly as Hitler and Goebbels knew it. Thompson's video by that title was apparently watched by Timothy McVeigh. According to George Boerst of K-Max Copy in Kingman, Arizona, McVeigh became

enraged after seeing it, telling him that a paramilitary group's plan to march on the capital had been canceled but something new was in the works.

The canceled march on Washington was Thompson's brainchild and included an obscene "ultimatum," stating that "militia members must wear identifying insignia and be armed" and warning "her" militia that "if captured you must be treated as a

prisoner of war." In addition to these delusions, she gave herself the rank of Adjutant General.

McVeigh was also allegedly Koernke's bodyguard during a Florida militia gathering where Koernke talked, according to Bob Johansen, the militia leader. It's clear that McVeigh was completely taken in by these two clowns, and it is because of those of this ilk, not in spite of them, that this country is at risk.

MARK FROM MICHIGAN

Patriot movement organizer and former shortwave radio personality Mark Koernke, commonly known as "Mark from Michigan," is a proponent and perhaps a source of many of the most outrageous conspiracy theories making their way across America's "patriot" networks. Views on whether he's for real or not are divided. One side sees him as a nearly comical paranoiac out on the fringe. The other sees him exactly as the television media sought to portray him during the hysteria following the Oklahoma City bombing: a right-wing, radio talk-show terrorist instigator.



Mark "from Michigan" Koernke during speech expounding on dangers of the New World Order.

Koernke markets himself in the third person as an "intelligence analyst," but for the last 13 years he has been a full-time maintenance worker for a dormitory at the University of Michigan. (This is conveniently glossed over during his speaking introductions where it's simply announced that he works for the University of Michigan.)

Koernke is a 1975 high-school graduate and lives outside the small town of Dexter, Michigan. He received his "intelligence" training in the U.S. Army where he served as a reservist from 1977 to 1983. Though he spent no time on active duty analyzing intelligence, he did qualify as a hand grenade expert and sharpshooter.

In current civilian life, Koernke is a major player in the marketing company Wolverine Productions Ltd., incorporated in April 1992. Its resident agent is one Barry Faulkner, but John Stadtmiller is his publicly known business associate.

Mark from Michigan's notoriety actually came prior to his successful marketing of the video series "America in Peril." The video "Equipping for a New World Order" first brought Koernke to prominence when fear of gun confiscations was widespread and anti-Second Amendment legislation was passing the leftist Congress. On the tape, Koernke explains body armor, camouflage, web-belt composition, etc.

Koernke's speaking engagements fall into two categories: guest speeches at open militia meetings and more secretive rendezvous with selected supporters. At these meetings, Koernke reveals his radical nationalism. He argues that civil war is inevitable due to conditions being imposed

by the New World Order. The Koernke scenario predicts that war will erupt as the United States is overrun in a peacekeeping operation by black helicopters from the United Nations, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and Multi Jurisdictional Task Forces (consisting of urban street gangs and foreign shock troops). Patriots will then be herded into concentration camps operated by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA); the Environmental Protection Agency will be responsible for reprocessing the corpses.

I realize this all sounds way far "out there," but many of Koernke's theories are based upon some element of fact; this contributes to the transformation of his propaganda into effective disinformation. That the current U.S. president holds little regard for constitutional rights or national sovereignty makes it even easier for Koernke to play on fears.

Before Koernke's radio program was canceled from shortwave WWCR, he used code phrases in his broadcasts to designate meeting locations to followers in Michigan. The printed material distributed at his secret meetings included radical protectionist articles and pamphlets which warned that GATT is a New World Order plot to extend U.N. control over the U.S. domestic economy and the like.

After the Oklahoma City bombing, Koernke went into hiding for a short while and then questioned whether the U.S. government didn't itself commit the crime, perhaps using what Koernke calls a "bio bomb." Bio bombs are allegedly people, such as McVeigh, who have microchips implanted in them by the government, allowing the government to control them. Whenever the feds need an atrocity to advance their agenda, such as a post office shot up with an "assault" rifle to help pass a new gun ban bill, they trigger one of these "bio bombs."

It should be obvious from the preceding that Mark's World is a very scary place. The only thing scarier is that so many people take him seriously.

Mark Koernke did not respond to telephone calls or faxes to Wolverine Productions made during the preparation of this article.

— James McQuaid

Let me be clear. There are no black helicopters out there of the nature the militias believe there to be. There is no MJTF, no New World Order, no U.N. or Russian troops preparing to attack, no Russian tanks at the ready, no American soldiers under U.N. control, no chemical/biological warfare equipment from Eastern Europe being readied for an attack, and *no conspiracy* to take away good patriots' gun rights.

What there is, is this: An elector-

ate known as the sleeping giant, the disinterested middle, the mall-fodder of the middle class. And for some 50 years, almost from the date of the end of World War II, the vast majority of "citizens" ceased to be just that. They have not voted, have not registered to vote and do not care about much other than material acquisition, leaving a void. And somebody inevitably fills that void.

That is the primary reason why Koernke and Thompson get away

with their scams. Though they are phonies, the militia members are wooden soldiers themselves, so it is beyond their capacity to make this discernment. In fact most authors and talkers on the militia/survivalist circuit are frauds as well. But the ill-informed fail to see a difference between the legitimate and the charlatan. Talk radio has gone some distance to help blur the distinction

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LINDA FROM LA LA LAND

The 1993 videotape "Waco: The Big Lie" brought its producer, Indianapolis lawyer Linda D. Thompson, national attention. Millions of Americans watched the quasi-underground tape, which was widely distributed at gun shows and militia meetings. It was here that many people learned for the first time that the federal government had intentionally misled them about the brutal deaths of the many Branch Davidians later adjudged innocent. Thompson helped raise public awareness of the federal government's culpability in the deaths, but she has since proven herself tragically unfit for the responsibilities and opportunities that her success provided her.

Thompson's dogmatically rigid commitment to her own conclusions have prevented further truthful inquiry. When *SOF*, in cooperation with the California Organization for Public Safety, published (February '94) a photographic analysis showing beyond a reasonable doubt that the devastating fire which consumed the Davidian compound was not started by a flame-throwing tank, Thompson threatened to sue *SOF* and slammed the magazine for its "pro-government" stand.



Linda Thompson, self-proclaimed Acting Adjutant General, Unorganized Militia of the United States of America.

In "Waco II: The Big Lie Continues," Thompson was even less careful about making unsupported accusations. The most glaring error in this video was the assertion that the ATF had killed the son of David Koresh, Cyrus Howell. A discolored blur on a wall is identified as the doomed child. However, in a video made by the Davidians more than a week later, Cyrus is clearly shown alive and well. Such errors and her refusal to see the truth when confronted with it have shattered her credibility.

Video production, however, has not been Thompson's first or only enterprise. She served in the U.S. Army from 1974 to 1978 as a secretary and received a law degree from Indiana University in 1988. She subsequently practiced law and even won a high-profile case against the Indiana State Police in 1992. Today, she and her husband Al operate a computer bulletin board and sell conspiracy merchandise.

Thompson has also sought to capitalize on her celebrity by founding the American Justice Federation. Originally meant to be a platform from which she could promote her nascent legal practice, AJF became "dedicated to stopping the New World Order and getting the truth out to the American public." Though in reality, AJF is

a marketing organization specializing in terribly overpriced pamphlets, books and audio and videotapes. Much of this material borders on the ridiculous and entertains a wide range of conspiracy theories as well as predictions of future catastrophes. Like Mark Koernke, she sees the United States being invaded by hordes of black helicopters and states in her most recent video that black helicopters follow her and her family virtually everywhere they go.

In early 1994, while speaking on a bill with other conspiracy salesmen she proposed a real estate scheme where she would purchase 10,000 acres of land for 100 other people. They would then form a city government and all would be sworn in as local law enforcement officials. After cultivating a local arms industry, the city would declare itself a sovereign nation independent from the United States. As they exported weapons, enormous profits would pour in and they would all be rich. Yeah, right.

By mid-1994 she had gone completely over the edge and in a fit of megalomania proclaimed herself "Acting Adjutant General, Unorganized Militia of the United States of America." Perhaps seeing herself as the next (or previous) Napoleon, Thompson called for a march on Washington and declared: "The militia will arrest congressmen who have failed to uphold their oaths of office, who then will be tried for treason by citizens courts." Larry Pratt, of Gun Owners of America, observed that the likely result would have been martial law and the loss of the November elections by all pro-gun candidates. Fortunately, the fantasy unit she was/is general of didn't have any takers and she canceled the event with a long, rambling treatise on how she never intended to do it in the first place and was only announcing this as a wake-up call for the patriot/militia movement.

When Mike Dillon, publisher of the *Blue Press* reloading catalog, spoke out against Thompson's lunacy in a brief editorial she sued him (apparently an example of freedom of the press under her tutelage). The lawsuit against the well-respected Dillon was thrown out of court "with prejudice" by the judge. Thompson alleges that she has a suit pending against *SOF* magazine, but we are unaware of same.

As far as this article goes, Linda, I have no-cost legal service, so come and get me.

—James McQuaid

OPERATION STEEL



The satisfaction of relieving myself on the bedroom floor of Saddam Hussein's summer palace could not outweigh the sheer frustration of failing, for the second day running, to make contact with the Turkish army rangers who had recently occupied the Iraqi madman's hideaway. According to the Kurdish refugees who were cooking kebabs in what appeared to have once been Saddam's hot tub, the rangers arrived by helicopter a few days earlier, raised the Turkish flag, trashed the estate and left without eliminating any of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) guerrillas who operate in the area.

Neutralizing these guerrillas was the objective of "Operation Steel," the Turkish army's bold incursion into northern Iraq. Designed to crush the PKK, which has fought an ongoing guerrilla war to gain control of southeastern Turkey and establish their own country of Kurdistan, Op Steel had little chance of meeting its ambitious objective.

Luck was with me a day later, though, when after flying via Blackhawk helicopter to the former PKK stronghold at Darkar-Ajam, Iraq, now the main command center for Op Steel, I linked up with the Turkish rangers and was invited to accompany them on patrol.

Our patrol was soon ready to move out. "Lock and load! Lock and load!" army corporal Ibrahim Tepeci yelled at his squad of rangers as they piled into the opened-back Land-Rover

SOF On The Ground With Turkish Rangers In Iraq

**Text & Photos
by Mark H. Milstein**



Turkish army rangers armed with license-built G3s stand guard at mouth of cave suspected to be a PKK sniper hideout on Kamtur Mountain. Mountainous northern Iraq affords excellent cover and concealment for guerrillas.



Defenders forming behind a lone M60-series tank that would spearhead our entry into the Sindi Pass. The pass, explained Tepeci, was the PKK's Ho Chi Minh Trail — its strategic worm hole into and out of Turkey.

From what I could gather from an army map, the guerrilla conduit was a north-to-south valley from Iraq to Turkey that cut through the middle of the Cudi (pronounced *CHOO-dey*) Mountain range. It provided enough caves, nooks and crannies from which an entire army of terrorists could operate.

"The terrorists use it to enter Turkey and kill our people and then return to Iraq and what they thought was safety," Tepeci said. "Not any more. We are here to make sure they are stopped."

Never before in more than 11 years

of Kurdish insurgency has the Turkish army gone after the PKK with such a vengeance. The Turkish-based PKK, led by Abdallah Ocalan, has bombed, kidnapped and sniped its way into numerous head-on collisions with Turkish security forces and the army, using the badlands of northern Iraq as refuge, training and recruiting grounds.

Kill & Provide Comfort

Less than a week after the start of Op Steel, nearly 35,000 Turkish troops, supported by American-made F-16 fighters and an amalgam of U.S. and East Bloc armor, had penetrated 40 kilometers into Iraq. British military officials with Operation Provide Comfort, the post-Gulf War allied effort to carve out a Kurdish homeland and create a no-fly zone above the

Kurdish fighters man the road to Baghdad. Operation Steel's objective was to deny PKK use of Iraq as a base of operations against Turkey and unite KDP and PUK resistance against PKK.

36th parallel in northern Iraq, estimated there were only 3,000 PKK guerrillas based in Iraq, and a little over 10,000 in Turkey itself.

In a bizarre twist, Kurdish villagers in northern Iraq are at the same time protected by the U.S. and British fighter aircraft of Operation Provide Comfort while being bombed by the Turkish air force. Both Operation Provide Comfort aircraft and the Turkish warplanes use the same airfields in southeastern Turkey. Throughout the invasion, AWACs monitoring the no-fly zone have had to work overtime distinguishing between the Turkish F-16s that are al-

lowed to drop ordnance on Kurdish villages in support of their ground troops and the Iraqi air force that is not.

Our aim, explained commander



Mortars, mines and truck loads of small-arms ammo make up a portion of PKK arms and munitions seized by Turkish army during Op Steel.

Lieutenant General Hasan Kundakci, is to cut the supplies and reinforcements that the Turkey-based terrorists have been getting from their friends across the border in Iraq. The Turks, for their part, have been working doubletime since the end of the Gulf War to create a "military alliance" with the northern Iraqi Kurds, represented by the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK), to curtail PKK activities.

Kurds living in northern Iraq rely heavily on food and medicine from Turkey, a point not lost on the PKK who regularly disrupt traffic on the roads linking Turkey with the region. On a number of occasions, PKK blockades threatened the Iraqi

Kurds, whose only other supply line is from southern Iraq, an area firmly under the fist of Saddam.

However, despite their mutual hatred for the PKK, the KDP/PUK alliance regularly fractures into Kurd-on-Kurd violence. Both groups are reportedly armed to the teeth with light weapons supplied by the Turks.

Throughout the invasion, Turkish diplomats and senior military officials met with KDP and PUK leaders

Barzani and Jalal al-Talabani in an effort to shore up the security buffer Ankara hopes to maintain now that its troops have pulled back across the border. Turkish military officials said they were pressing on with a plan that will provide a soon-to-be-formed joint PDK/PUK militia with more equipment, logistics, communications

and money.

As we prepared to move out, Tepeci suggested that for safety reasons I sit in the second to last Defender of the column. I concurred, just having read an article about how a Reuters photographer and an *Agence France Presse* journalist were taken hostage the day before during a daylight ambush by the PKK.

"The journalists weren't with us," Tepeci said, "but you never know. You'd be too valuable to them for propaganda reasons."

We moved slowly up through the foothills of the Cudi Mountains, passing Kurdish villages of mud huts and surprisingly few men. If our mission was intended to surprise PKK fighters hiding in their caves, it failed since the growling tank guaranteed that every Kurd for the next 10 clicks knew trouble was on the way.

Just before Kamtur Mountain, a 2,000-meter-tall mass we needed to skirt before entering the Sindi Pass, we halted for a quick meal of eggs and tea. A lone M60 stood across the dirt road at the entrance to the pass, and a dozen or so Turkish soldiers manned security posts and foxholes at the edge of the 100-meter-deep ravine that formed the camp's perimeter. Three mortars stood on a earthen platform behind a berm of sandbags and rocks.

"The PKK likes to come out at night and play games with us," a Turkish soldier said while manning



Turkish soldiers "chasing ghosts" on road between Sarsang and Dohuk, armed with G3s and MG3s. PKK prove to be as elusive a target in Iraq as in Turkey.

the .50 caliber machine gun on top of an M113. He only identified himself as Dogu: "They don't have the strength to remove us from here, but they know how to keep us busy."

The elusiveness of the PKK has not helped Turkish morale. The idea of "chasing ghosts," as one private characterized the operation, had generated little enthusiasm among the hundreds of troops I came across. An unseen enemy reluctant to fight and a sense that the mission is flawed are a dangerous combination.

"They [the PKK] will just stay quiet while we are here," Ahmet, a Turkish army ranger, told me. "Once we're gone and this operation is fin-



Saddam Hussein's summer palace near Zawita, Iraq, was briefly held by Turkish troops before the 200-acre estate was turned over to Kurdish forces loyal to Ankara.

ished, they'll be back."

We continued on and passed several more Turkish encampments along the way. Nowhere had the Turks put up anything more permanent than a few tents and latrines, an indication that Operation Steel really was going to be the "quick in, quick out" mission its planners had promised.

After the first intense, armor and aircraft-backed assault by Turkish forces on PKK positions in our AO, there were still dozens of Kurdish guerrilla eyes peering down from behind the huge boulders that crowned the ridges. As our squad made its way deeper and deeper into the Cudi Mountains the nagging feeling of being watched intensified. An M113 joined us at one point, coming up behind our column for a little rear guard protection.

Enemy Contact?

Suddenly our armor escort stopped dead in its tracks. Rangers dismounted their vehicles quicker than you could say "Midnight Express." A tan canvas sniper blind had been spotted on the side of a hill near the entrance of a cave.

One of the rangers, now chest-deep behind a large rock, began firing at the blind with a steady stream of lead from his H&K G3. Like an atomic-powered weed whacker, his fire disintegrated every stick of vegetation within a meter of the position. No sniper, but Lieutenant Umit Oktemer wasn't taking any chances.

After a 30-second appraisal of the situation, Oktemer sent a team of four rangers back down the road and up the side of the hill opposite the blind and cave. Two other rangers, one sporting a 40mm grenade launcher mounted on his H&K rifle, started up the blind and cave side of the hill.

They got no more than a few



Turkish rangers search for PKK snipers. Though most PKK guerrillas moved into Iran and Syria, author discovered firsthand that anti-personnel mines remained behind.

meters before Oktemer ordered them back. Two days earlier, a member of the Turkish Jandarma — the federal police agency — lost half of his face and most of his right arm to a booby-trapped door when he entered what he thought was an empty PKK command center near Ammadia. The word was out: Watch for mines and booby traps.

Oktemer assembled a group

of rangers behind the M113 and began piecing together a mine sweeper. Kerem, the unit's "combat engineer," slid his survival knife from its sheath and smiled at me. In his best English he dismissed the accuracy of the mine sweeper with two words: "It's bullshit."

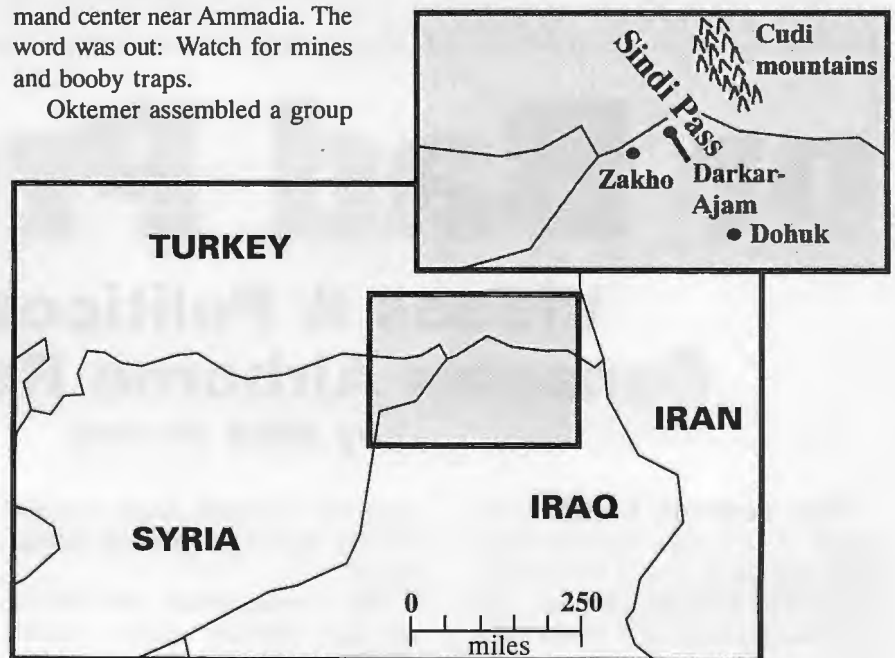
Oktemer, lugging the mine sweeper, started up the muddy trail that led to the cave and blind, with Kerem not far behind. A steady, cold drizzle had cut visibility down considerably so I followed closely about two meters behind. In overwatch positions, the other 15 or so rangers, as well as the tank, trained their guns on the mouth of the cave and the ridge above it — just in case.

We were only about halfway up the slope when the mine sweeper detected our first potential threat. Kerem quickly got down on his hands and knees and began probing with his knife. I discretely moved back off the trail to what I thought was a safe location and out of the way — big mistake.

Death By Folgers

One of the rangers yelled something and I froze in my tracks. Oktemer told me not to move. Everyone stopped what they were doing and stared at me with fear. I had stepped onto a patch of ground seeded

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Sindi Pass AO is the PKK's Ho Chi Minh Trail, a conduit for operations and supplies from Iraq into Turkey.

Bad Boys



or Bad Press?

Videos & Politicos Kill Canada's Airborne Regiment by Mike Vernon

For reasons I still can't accept, the Canadian Airborne Regiment laid up its colors at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, Ontario, on a brisk Sunday morning 5 March 1995. This was the culmination of a weekend's ceremonies commemorating the regiment's untimely disband-

ment, but it's not the end of what has already been two years of public agony.

The morning before, the bulk of the unit's 600-odd soldiers jumped "bare ass" in a mass drop on DZ Anzio, launching themselves from Canadian Hercules and American

Above: Canadian soldiers guard Somalis caught carrying weapons. Soldier in middle is Corporal Matt McKay. Photo: author's collection

Starlifters. Among the crowd of family, friends and fellow paratroopers who came out to watch them were many men like my father, professional

soldiers who regard their years with the regiment as the pinnacle of their careers. It was a sight one of them described to me as, "surreal ... I can't believe this is the end."

Later that same day the regiment reassembled on the Nicklin parade square to troop its colors for the last time. Once done, its commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Kenward, addressed his soldiers, six guards of extremely proud, fit-looking paratroopers wearing their hard-won maroon berets and jump smocks. Kenward's voice was hoarse from giving commands: "I've only got two points to make: First, I do not accept, and I will not accept, under any condition, that this regiment is being disbanded in disgrace. It is not."

The Somalia Incident

The story begins with the regiment's deployment to Somalia in December 1992. Although Operation Deliverance (Restore Hope for U.S. troops) was technically an enforcement operation under chapter VII of the U.N. Charter, the domestic reaction since then indicates Canadians do not appreciate — or perhaps accept — the distinctions between Somalia and other more peaceable U.N. operations.

The regiment spent six months on hard rations, living in the sand, pacifying the area around its base at Belet Huen. It built bridges and schools, distributed food, and restored some sanity to the area, but all this was overshadowed by the aftermath of a single incident on 16 March 1993.

Despite its good reputation with the locals, the regiment was plagued by looters and thieves. Losses from its camp led its CO at the time, Lt. Col. Carol Mathieu, to give authorization on 28 January 1993 for soldiers to use lethal force to deter thieves, to fire "between the skirts and the flip-flops."

At a 2 Commando orders group on 16 March, the sub-unit's commander, Major Anthony Seward, amended the order by telling his officers that any thieves caught should be roughed up, or abused, to discourage other Somalis from trying to infiltrate the compound. This was taken to a lethal extreme that very evening.

A 16-year-old Somali, Shidane Arone, was apprehended trying to sneak through 2 Commando's wire.

He was killed in custody later that night, by all accounts beaten to death by Master Corporal Clayton Matchee. Matchee used a riot baton and later a metal bar to batter the blindfolded and handcuffed prisoner over a period of several hours. He also tortured him by burning his feet with a lit cigar. Another soldier on duty that night, Trooper Kyle Brown, administered a few blows with his hands and feet. Several other soldiers stopped by the bunker where this was going on, but none of them tried to stop it. Brown and Matchee took posed photos of each other with Arone as the beating progressed.

Disturbed by the incident, Brown came forward 18 March, told Seward what had happened, and turned in his photos. This prompted a military police investigation. Matchee was arrested, and eventually so was Brown — to his surprise.

Although the unit speedily reported the incident to headquarters in Ottawa, the news took more than two weeks to make the papers. By that time Matchee had hanged himself while in custody and suffered brain damage severe enough to preclude him from ever being court-martialed.

Media Sees Cover-Up

In the media frenzy accompanying the lead-up to a national election that summer, the fact that the military hadn't released the information earlier sparked accusations of a cover-up. The defense minister at the time, Kim Campbell, was on her way to becoming the country's



Shidane Arone, a 16-year-old Somali, was caught sneaking through 2 Commando's wire, detained, and over a period of hours subsequently beaten to death by Master Cpl. Clayton Matchee. Matchee's reluctant accomplice had regrets and turned this and other snapshots in to unit's CO. Photo: author's collection

first female prime minister so the media and opposition parties focused attention on what she knew or claimed she didn't know. Even now the full details are murky.

The result was that a jumble of allegations filled the press even before the unit had returned home. A surgeon attached to the regiment, Maj. Barry Armstrong, wrote a letter to his wife in which he expressed grave concerns over a separate, "execution-style" killing inflicted by Reconnaissance Platoon on 4 March. His wife released the letter to the press. The media also raised the issue of racism, based partly on the fact 2 Commando had years earlier adopted the Confederate flag as its unofficial emblem. A dated photo of one of its members, Corporal Matt McKay, giving a Nazi salute in front of some Third Reich paraphernalia was said to corroborate this.

When the regiment returned to Petawawa in the spring of 1993, it

was in for a major shake-up. Eventually nine soldiers would be charged for their involvement in the two inci-

— who was busted to private, served 90 days and then was released — and increased it to one year. The same

Under Kenward, the regiment got back to basics and trained hard, insulated somewhat by its relative seclusion two hours upriver from Ottawa. Teams from the unit won the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition and the North European Command Infantry Competition in 1994.

While the media kept the Somalia story alive through its coverage of the courts-martial, the regiment's few defenders, mostly retired officers, argued that a "few bad apples" were the cause of its problems, but they had been identified and the regiment under Kenward had been reformed. It was an explanation the public might have accepted, were it not for the fact that the unpalatable revelations just kept coming.

Major Armstrong went to the press with fresh allegations that after Arone's death he'd been ordered to destroy medical records showing the abuse of Somalis. This aroused fresh accusations of a cover-up, and in response the new defense minister, David Collenette, vowed that a public inquiry would replace the suspended military board of inquiry, and would look into all such allegations once the final court-martial had been completed. (Details were announced 21 March 1995. It's expected to conclude by December.)

Even as late as January 1995, it was conceivable the regiment might have survived, at least until the public inquiry had completed its investigation. Two platoons had gone to Rwanda the previous fall to provide local security for U.N. support troops there, and the regiment itself had just received a warning order to deploy



This scene from 1992 amateur video of Canadian Airborne initiates in hazing ritual at Petawawa showed drunken soldiers vomiting, while others ate it: not good PR. Photo: CTV News via AP/Wide World

dents related above, including Mathieu and Seward, and a military board of inquiry was established. While these were ongoing, a general gag order was placed on the military, forbidding soldiers to talk about Somalia with the press. While there were solid reasons for this, such as the desire not to prejudice the courts-martial, the decision ultimately contributed to the regiment's demise because it was left virtually defenseless to respond to new revelations as they came out in the press.

The military inquiry was suspended once the first court-martial, that of Trooper Brown, commenced in February 1994. Of all those who were tried, he received the harshest punishment. He is serving a five-year sentence for manslaughter. In some quarters he is viewed as a scapegoat, in effect serving Matchee's sentence.

As for the others who were charged, Mathieu has since left the military. The military is appealing his acquittal on charges of negligence, as well as Seward's sentence for negligence (he received a severe reprimand). The military also appealed the sentence of Brown and Matchee's section commander, Sgt. Mark Boland

day he took an overdose of pills, but survived and is back in custody. Brown and Matchee's platoon commander, Captain Michael Sox, was the last to be court-martialed. He was found guilty of negligence exactly two years after Arone's death, demoted to lieutenant and given a severe reprimand. The others were acquitted of various charges.

In addition to the courts-martial and the inquiry, the regiment underwent a general house-cleaning as a new slate of officers and soldiers was posted in. Lieutenant Colonel Peter Kenward brought a straight-arrow reputation, with a passion for fitness, aggressive leadership and tight control. He had made an earlier attempt to clean up 2 Commando's rebel image when he was its commanding officer in the late '80s.



Hazing ritual filmed in 1992 shows unit's only black soldier being led around like a dog, with "J ♥ [I love] KKK" smeared on his back. Photo: CTV News via AP/Wide World

for Croatia in April.

Both tours, but the Croatian one in particular, were seen by many in the regiment as their chance for redemption in the public eye. But the release of a string of videos put an end to such hopes.

The first was shot prior to Arone's death and was released to the press by Scott Taylor, publisher of the military magazine *Esprit de Corps*. Several who have seen the entire two-hour video have argued it is an excellent record of the good the regiment accomplished in Somalia. It starts with a soldier speaking, prophetically as it turns out, to the camera: "We're going to take you on a lifetime experience through the town of Belet Huen — something you'll never forget ... and neither will we." For television news purposes, the entire video was distilled down to an



Canadian Airborne forces served with distinction in Somalia prior to ugly incident in which a young Somali thief was murdered. Here UNITAF commander Lt. Gen. Robert Johnston USMC inspects Canadian Airborne Regiment quarter guard. Photo: author's collection

incriminating 20-second segment featuring Cpl. McKay and Trooper Brocklebank.

When asked by the cameraman what he thought about the tour, McKay, beer in hand and lounging outside a tent, says, "I think it sucks cock, man! We ain't killed enough niggers yet!" Then Brocklebank is seen in a separate shot, cammed up and carrying a C6 GPMG (FN MAG-58). The cameraman asks the name

FUTURE CANADIAN AIRBORNE

As announced by the chief of defence staff on 12 April 1995, the Canadian Forces will retain a parachute capability in the form of three independent parachute companies. They will be formed this summer and stationed in Edmonton, Alberta; Petawawa, Ontario; and Valcartier, Quebec. Initially, personnel will be drawn from the existing Airborne commandos, but uniforms in each company will reflect their affiliation with one of the three parent line infantry regiments. In time, the plan is for each company to become a light infantry battalion. As yet, no decision has been taken regarding the names of these units, or the color of their headgear.

— M.V.

of the operation he's about to go on. "Operation Snatch Niggah!" says Brocklebank, sweeping his machine gun from side to side and making firing noises.

Together, the two scenes reignited concerns over racism in the unit. The appearance of a second video later the same week was even more damning. This one showed what's described as a hazing ritual within the regiment's French-speaking sub-unit, 1 Commando, filmed pre-Somalia.

On TV, viewers saw near-naked newcomers to the commando, heads shaven, drunk and being forced to do push-ups in the dust, vomiting from exertion and too much beer. The sole black soldier in the video has the words "J ♥ [I love] KKK" scrawled on his back. He is being led on all fours on a leash, and is later tied to a tree, grinning.

But there was much more that wasn't seen. Invited to view the entire video and comment on it, Taylor said, "It invokes the gag reflex at least six times." He reported scenes of simulated oral and anal sex, as well as one where a soldier defecates on a newcomer's chest, smears it around, and then four or five others urinate on him to wash it away. There were several scenes of the newcomers being urinated on, or having oth-



Two Commando marches to the Airborne museum for the laying up of the colors during disbandment ceremony at Petawawa. Photo: Mike Vernon

ers urinate in their mouths, and the eating of vomitus. The video even stunned other members of the regiment. "We still don't know what that whole thing was all about," one



Sign outside Sassy's, a popular Petawawa watering hole, shows support for the Airborne Regiment — and dissent over government's decision to disband them. Photo: Mike Vernon

trooper told me.

Collenette responded by literally giving Chief of Defence Staff General John de Chastelain the weekend to investigate the unit and to report to him whether or not it had in fact been reformed and should be sent to Croatia.

The report he received on 23 January reported that the regiment was significantly improved over those who had gone to Somalia. Regardless, at his press conference that afternoon Collenette surprised even the media by ordering the regiment disbanded: "I believe the problems of the regiment are systemic. Although our senior officers believe the regiment as constituted should continue,

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MOM's photographer shot this train of military vehicles near Ryegate, Montana, in March of 1994. Five months later, *Spotlight* ran it as hot news, with the caption, "Pictured above is a train with flatcars carrying military vehicles, some of them with a 'U.N.' designation, as it passes a crossing in Montana. Do you believe these are Canadian vehicles? The Canadians don't." Well, it may depend on which Canadian you ask. We bet the Diesel Division of General Motors of Canada Ltd. would recognize them: They built some 900 of these M113s for the Canadian military. Photo: courtesy Militia of Montana



All The News That's Fit To Invent

Shining the Light of Truth on *Spotlight*

by Craig B. Hulet

The newspaper *Spotlight* has carried on its masthead King Solomon's advice, "Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom: And with all thy getting, get understanding." — Proverbs 4:7 (Issue XX number 32 August 8, 1994).

In 20 years *Spotlight*, published by the Willis Carto/Liberty Lobby group, has grown to a claimed circu-

lation of 150,000 by publishing what can only be euphemistically described as journalism, not news. Is not news, properly understood and classically defined, intended to be true first, and fact-checked second, prior to being published? At least, that is what we have all been taught.

The press in the United States is a free press, not state directed or con-

trolled. So while it is true that truth is journalism's *raison d'être* there is absolutely nothing except free market forces to demand truth, fact, or even clear thinking of any newspaper, radio, TV station or source. Because a free press is under no obligation to report truth, it may choose to routinely report outright lies or total fabrication of fact. Only libel laws and

defamation of character suits brought by individuals or corporations have any impact on such standards.

When the tabloid *Spotlight* introduces its readers to a subject, it is assumed by those readers that they are receiving fact-checked reporting by a staff whose intent is to inform their subscribers ... "with all thy getting, get understanding." Following the Lord's word in the pursuit of understanding would seem a fairly high calling.

I published a newspaper for three years, and have reported findings of fact on more than 800 radio stations nationwide for another 15, and have been asked to examine *Spotlight* and the truthfulness of their reporting. Unlike *Spotlight*, my sources are easily checked, by anyone, with little effort.

Ominous Publicity Stunt

Our first example comes from the front page of the 8 August 1994 issue of *Spotlight*, headlined: "Salt Lake City, Utah, New FEMA Comm Center." The subtitle reads: *More ominous developments concerning the activities of a shadowy government agency with the authority to rule the country under martial law have surfaced, this time in Salt Lake City.*

The story alleges that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in the process of establishing a new national communications center in Salt Lake City. A *Spotlight* "investigative team" alleges that it has had the area around the Salt Lake International Airport under close scrutiny for weeks, finding "what appear to be medium tanks." "Appear" is rather a disarming term as the article features a photo that clearly shows a medium tank hidden behind a small bluff. These numerous tank turrets, "with their guns guarding the airport" are purported to belong to the National Guard, and the story is supported by a long, detailed description of infrared and laser security systems and "fences" with ominous National Security "warning" signs.

The article continues with such factoids until the end, where the climax is reached: "One source" informed *Spotlight* that the FEMA center "was intended to monitor 800 telephone numbers across the nation," ... which would include companies

"involved in mail order sale of gun components and ammunition." Then the real bomb is dropped on all good patriots: "It ... is all part of the overall plan to ultimately disarm

This headline ran with a photo of Janet Reno: "Reno Wants National 'Hit Teams'; Could Operate Anywhere in U.S.."



American people," the source stated.

Our source, Mills Crenshaw of Salt Lake City Radio (an institution in the medium for 26 years), went out to the Salt Lake airport and fact-checked the story having heard the reports from Salt Lake City area callers. He found the following:

Folks from the Citadel Broadcast Co. (radio and TV) had "declared war" on their competitor, Simmons Broadcasting, and were out there dressed in camouflage fatigues and helmets as a publicity stunt. As a promotion it was successful; as the "activities of a shadowy government agency" it was not. Crenshaw noted that the terrain in the photo *Spotlight* ran with the story was phony: There is no bluff anywhere near the Salt Lake airport. I've been there, and he is correct. Further, there were no tanks of any kind. There is no new FEMA building either. As a former Special Forces trooper, I think Crenshaw would be able to turn up a tank, if a tank there be.

Federal Hit Squads?

Another case in point was on the front page of *Spotlight* 27 February 1995. The axiom is different on this issue's masthead: It reads, "The battle is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave." — Patrick Henry.

The Russians ain't coming, they're here: MOM's G-2 section shared with *Spotlight* this picture of a T-72 on a lowboy at a Texas truck stop, and *Spotlight* wove it into the fabric of their delusion of foreign matériel being staged in the U.S. of A. for no good purpose.

The subtitle (there are a lot of subtitles in bold in this paper) asks, "What will the Justice Department do with its own SWAT team?" This piece was written by the same investigative-team journalist as the Salt Lake City piece, one Mike Blair, a resident of New York state who is on *Spotlight's* masthead as their Northeast Bureau.

It begins simply enough with the introduction of HR 97, which calls on the government to establish a 2,500 member "Rapid Deployment Strike Force" to set up in high crime areas of the nation. Blair uses reporters' license to call the "supposed local 'high crime' areas" into question. This is done as the piece continues, because there are "onerous aspects of the act; [and this] special force could include units of the U.S. military as well as personnel of such federal agencies as ... (BATF) ... (DEA) ... or any federal agency."

The piece does quote a few lines of the bill, relating to when the strike force might be called into action and the like. It then goes on to say the constitutionality of the legislation is

in question because "members of the strike force could be forcibly housed in private homes." It then quotes from the bill as evidence of such a heinous prospect, regarding the requirement for a governor of a state needing this group's assistance to "demonstrate a willingness to assist in providing temporary housing facilities for members of the Rapid Deployment Force."

After again treating the reader to the "speculation" of "one source," the piece ties all this together with it being "very likely" that the regions where the strike forces are deployed will be the Nixon-era-designated 10 regions under control and jurisdiction of FEMA (FEMA is regarded as a threat akin to the ATF). FEMA, it is correctly noted by Blair, would have control over much of the government and people should a national emer-

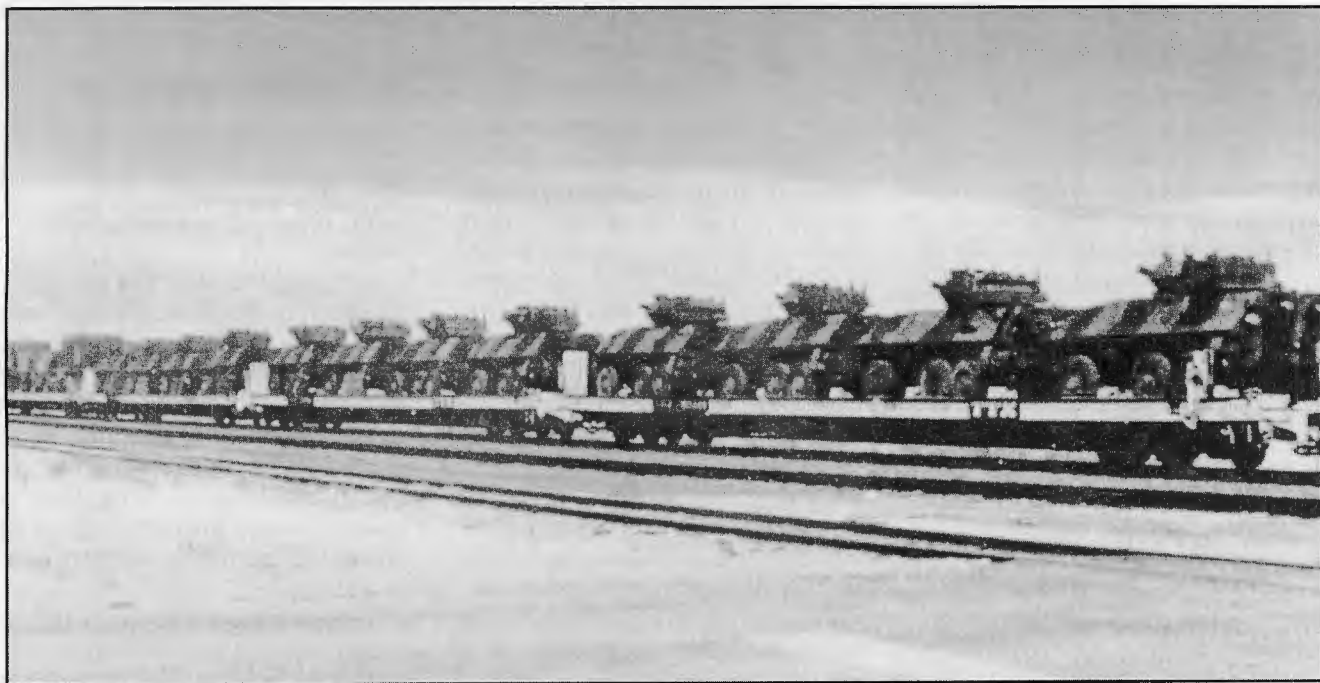
tary rapid deployment units, other federal agents and state and local police in various cities ... across America.

"Evidence of the existence of the special unit was recently revealed with the order for 250 Para-Ordinance [sic] .45 caliber semiautomatic pistols, specially designed to meet FBI requirements listed in bid proposals ..." The piece continues along these lines, closing with, "The pistols are a version of the Para-Ordinance [sic] .45 specially designed only for the rapid deployment force." It's ominously noted that the contract allows for "additional pistols" to be purchased over the original 250.

And now for the truth: First of all, under the proposed legislation, the Rapid Deployment Strike Force (RDSF) can only be utilized if the governor or a local official, such as a

mand and operational deployment agreement reached prior to the deployment by the deputy assistant director and such senior state or local authority. (d) Deputation. Members of the RDSF who are deployed shall be deputized in accordance with state law ... to empower [them] to make arrests and participate in the prosecution of criminal offenses under state law."

"Offenses under state law" is key to this legislation. The deputation of these personnel is the fundamental first premise. The allusions to FEMA and declarations of emergency and the 10 regions, are gratuitous hyperbole. HR 97 is not one of my favorite pieces of proposed legislation, and I reported as much when it was first proposed. But housing RDSF personnel in private homes? That is sheer



The 1 August 1994 issue said, "Military analysts contacted by the *SPOTLIGHT*, some of whom had seen copies of photos of the Russian vehicles aboard the train, laughed at the letter sent by the Army... one calling it 'not ridiculous but silly.'" We'd suggest *Spotlight* contact a higher grade of "military analyst" since these "Russian" vehicles are made in Canada under license from Mowag, and no one but the Canadians use this combination of hull and turret configuration — or camouflage pattern. Five minutes with a reference book would have told *Spotlight* the truth ... if that's what they're after.

gency require such a move.

Then the real fun begins. The remainder of the piece's four paragraphs are key to understanding how *Spotlight* builds a story from thin air. "Actually, Miss Reno has already established a special rapid deployment force within the FBI, which is composed of at least 250 agents.

"During the past year, the special FBI unit has trained with U.S. mili-

mayor, requests such a deployment, and then it must conform to the outlined requirements within the law. RDSFs are, as well, placed under the direct control of the *local* authorities: to quote the bill, "Sec. 3. Deployment. (c) ... The unit shall serve under the overall control of the senior state or local law enforcement authority in the deployment area, pursuant to a clearly delineated com-

nonsense and the law suggests no such thing: It's pure fabrication to incite and inflame the minds of the less informed.

The real falsehood overtly practiced by Blair and *Spotlight* is the reference to Reno's "already established" special RDF with 250 agents. The clever sleuths at *Spotlight* based this conclusion on the mere existence of a purchase order

for 250 custom-made pistols in .45 caliber from Les Baer Custom Inc. of Hillsdale, Illinois.

In the May/June 1995 issue of *American Handgunner*, these recent procurements were openly discussed. While it is true that the purchase order specified custom designed (by FBI specialists) .45 caliber pistols, it was hardly as portrayed by *Spotlight*. A quick call to the FBI corroborated *American Handgunner's* article that the mysterious force is the long-established FBI Hostage Rescue Team. FBI HRT has replaced the Browning Hi-Power with the Para-Ordnance P14.45 with several custom features that are available to anyone from Les Baer. This, one supposes, would make all those who partake of the Baer pistol offer now suspect in *Spotlight's* mind.

Reviewing the regular fare in *Spotlight* evinces a continuous theme. We will start with a quote from more than one issue of the paper since they reproduce the same photos often (in case you missed an issue, one suspects). Coupled with a photo of U.S.-designed M113 armored personnel carriers in regular olive drab, a white one with U.N. lettering is seen as highly suspect: The headline reads, "What Are These Vehicles Doing Here?"

That was 27 June 1994; again on 1 August 1994 the same photo appeared with another headline, this one reading, "Defense Department Lies About Foreign Military Vehicles."

A Picture Worth A Thousand Errors

The story itself rambles all over the place but the gist of it is that there are all sorts of former Soviet tanks, former Soviet chemical and biological warfare vehicles and hundreds of sightings of "foreign military vehicles" being moved on our railway system. The photos included cite no photographer or source, as is customary in journalism, and never any names of the alleged "sources" — sources the likes of which we have noted above.

So we tracked down some of these "sources" to which *Spotlight* gives such weight. In that 1 August 1994 edition, page 13, *Spotlight* cited this: "The *SPOTLIGHT* reported in its July 11 edition the June 12 sighting of two Soviet heavy tanks on flatbed

trucks at a truck stop at the junction of U.S. Interstate Highway 10 and U.S. Highway 28S, just south of Fort Stockton, Texas." This is all very scary, eh?

The story goes on, stating that *SPOTLIGHT* (they use all caps during these excited passages) has "ob-

"It's a lie. The Canadians couldn't put together two 100-car trains with armored vehicles even if their military was on full alert. Who says so? The Canadians say so."

— *Spotlight*

tained photographic evidence of the tanks, which appear to be of the Russian T-72 type, the Russians' main battle tank." The story continues for a bit more with descriptions of armor and markings and the possibility that the carriers "appeared to be of Russian design."

The source? An observation report by the Militia Of Montana's (MOM) "intelligence sources." This report has been circulated in the militia movement along with dozens of examples of such photographic "evidence," to support the delusions of Mark Koernke ("Mark from Michigan") and John Trochmann. Bob Fletcher of MOM has used such nonsense as a recruitment myth very much like the Waco incident. Their use of these events and photographs fall into the category of the Leninist deceptions he referred to as "mobilizing myths." The event may have happened; Waco did, and there *are* Soviet-made tanks on U.S. soil, but the myth is the purposeful misrepresentation of intent and context.

SOF was sent the same photos of "Russian armor going through Montana" by MOM some time ago: None of it was Russian and very little of it was armor. The only armor in evidence were several flatcars of Canadian-made, Canadian-used, Canadian-marked APCs that are built under license from Mowag of Switzerland; and U.S.-designed, General Motors of Canada Ltd.-made, Canadian-marked M113 APCs, some painted in U.N. white. (In case you only read *Spotlight* and missed this news,

Canada has had people on nearly every U.N. operation for decades.) The Mowag-licensed Canadian APCs (either in Cougar or Grizzly configuration) were identified by MOM's intelligence sources as "BMP-40 Russian, 122mm Turret + .50 Drega [sic]." To start with, the vehicles are

unique to Canada: The photo was not of top quality, but clearly shows the vehicles to be Cougars or Grizzlies, painted in the distinctive Canadian camo pattern. All Russian BMP series IFVs are track-layers: The Cougar and Grizzly are wheeled. A trained intel operator could have stood in the next county looking through a stovepipe and determined they were not BMPs.

In an anomalous attempt by *Spotlight* at fact-checking, they cited a constituent who contacted his senator as to what was going on. The senator asked the Army, and the Army checked and told him the vehicles were Canadian, returning from training in California. *Spotlight's* reaction? In a "Personal ... From the Editor" box on the inside front page of the 1 August 1994 issue: ...*The Army replied that the armored equipment belonged to Canada and was in this country so Canadian troops could train in California. It's a lie. The Canadians couldn't put together two 100-car trains with armored vehicles even if their military was on full alert. Who says so? The Canadians say so.*

Maybe a Canadian said so, but not any Canadian who knew what he was talking about. This is an interesting study in how *Spotlight* slithers around obvious, irrefutable facts to present a lie based on skewed half-truths. But, for the sake of discussion we'll assume there *were* 200 flatcars involved, and assume that they asked a Canadian official why there were 200 flatcars of Canadian military vehicles, and he said, "We couldn't fill 200

flatcars," then we have a discrepancy, don't we? But if you're building a fantasy, the last thing you want to do is iron out any discrepancies by some old-fashioned editorial fact-checking!

Firstly, the Canadians *could* fill that many flatcars with armor alone (at the rate of four vehicles per car), if they so chose. They built almost 500 Mowag-licensed units (there's 125 flatcars) and more than 900 M113 track-layers (there's another 225 flatcars), and since we're already over the limit we won't count their Bison or Husky APCs, Leopard tanks, etc. And if they wanted to fill up *several* such trains with a similar mix of jeeps, trucks, earth-moving equipment and light armor, they would have plenty of rolling stock to do so. Some 200 flatcars would carry roughly a battalion of U.S. light armor, usually less than a thousand men.

That the Canadians could have readily filled several such trains, and that the vehicles were obviously Canadian in design, manufacture and camouflage pattern is something *Spotlight* could have checked in five minutes by looking in *Jane's*. Of course, we'd guess they don't even have a copy of *Jane's*, since they said the "Russian" T-72s their spies saw in Texas were fitted with "retroactive" (sic: heh, heh, you just gotta laugh) armor.

Does it scare you that these gross incompetents would lead you into battle against your own government?

Feeding On Each Other

The close association among the militia movement and *Spotlight* is significant. Many of the militia members and certainly its leadership are wholecloth believers of the misinformed writings, convoluted reasoning and outright fabrication of facts in this little tabloid. Any crackpot sighting, no matter how insignificant, *Spotlight* will print it, misidentified photo and all. The photo captions are intended to reinforce the idea that "a picture is worth a thousand words."

This is only true when the picture and the context are not intentionally misrepresented to mislead — the pur-

pose of which, in *Spotlight's* case, is to inflame the minds of the trusting folks who read the printed word. Readers believe they are studying a newspaper, not a scandal sheet; a fact-checked report, not a mix of skewed facts and fantasy; a factual presentation of data with sources cited, not sources like a MOM "intelligence agent" who spotted a tank in Texas from his pickup truck.

A worst case (other than black helicopter myths, see related article in this issue) was not an easy one to select — there were too many, not too few. But there is one we should note. In an article that appeared in *Spotlight* 8 August 1994, there was

Fear is fed on ignorance: Any publication that would keep its readers half-ignorant by telling half-truths or out-of-context factoids does a great disservice.

displayed a photograph with little relationship to the written piece that completely surrounded it. The written piece was headlined, "Globalization of National Guards," and it focused on a program of the National Guard whereby a kind of sister-city project is presently ongoing, called National Guard State Partnerships in Central and Eastern Europe. The Guard of, for instance, Alabama might be partners with, for example, Romania. A rational explanation is not needed here and space does not permit an extended analysis of such programs, as they are a normal evolution of relationships since the collapse of the Soviet empire.

In the bottom corner is a photograph of a Russian Hind-D attack helicopter flying over the home of a housewife who took the photo, north of Gulfport, Mississippi, where these Hinds are located at a National Guard base.

A brief photo caption said the housewife photographed the Hind over her house. What's their point? What does the picture mean? It is a fact, but to not tell the rest of the

related facts is to severely misrepresent the situation, and is irresponsible at best. What thought does this leave squirming in the minds of the militia members, for example?

Analyzing why *Spotlight* does what they do may go some distance to explain the growth of extra-constitutional militias. Even a cursory analysis of the interface between *Spotlight* and these militias reveals a symbiotic/synergistic relationship.

When the militia winks, *Spotlight* nods. It is significant that many of the "sources" that *Spotlight* cites are members and leaders of the Militia Of Montana or such luminaries as Mark "the janitor" Koernke, Linda "went Waco" Thompson and Bo "land deal" Gritz, because the credibility of sources is important. To us who have studied those who have made a cottage industry of fear, considering the source might be the end of it. But we cannot assume the same analysis skills among the misled but otherwise sincere folks that may have joined some mis-

guided militias.

At issue isn't just that there are or are not black helicopters; that there are former Soviet tanks, or not; nor just "what are they doing here?" What is germane is, who is flying the choppers, to whom are the former Soviet tanks going and why, and who owns those U.N. white vehicles? In the minds of many of the folks who have joined various militias, these photos in *Spotlight* comprise, to their way of thinking, absolute documentation that an imminent invasion is soon to take place. They see Gorbachev at the Presidio of San Francisco as the lead mole of the advance guard of Soviet sneak attacks. They view the U.N. role as not dissimilar: The United Nations is just a bunch of communists who do not call themselves such any longer.

The reality of the collapse of the Soviet bloc and the disarray of the Red Army does nothing to dissuade these true believers — "It's all a foil, a feint, a clever ploy by the Russians practicing their craft" ... "Not a shot being fired"... "Red Dawn" ... "Rambo" ... and a steady diet of conspira-

cies mostly hatched in the minds of militia mentalities.

There are many real reasons for Americans to feel frustration and anger, even fear. There are many recent developments not in our national interest, such as NAFTA, GATT, the Mexican bailout, and the promotion of Utopian concepts known for decades, now peddled as a New World Order. These things exist, but they're just not what *Spotlight* describes, not even close. Random sightings of foreign military hardware by themselves are nothing to fear: Specimen tanks and other weapons bought for analysis or training do not arm an invasion. Isolated facts may be true, but the accurate interpretation of those facts with a contextual overview can be readily made by reasonable men. Fear is fed on ignorance: Any publication that would keep its readers half-ignorant by telling half-truths or out-of-context factoids does a great disservice.

Almost all militaries have sold their surplus vehicles of every sort for years. With the fall of the Berlin Wall, a reunited Germany had thousands of unneeded vehicles in surplus. Many were brought to this country for refurbishing and/or modi-

fication and subsequent re-export. Those slated for re-export are always held in a bonded Customs warehouse or storage area, because no import tax is due on items brought in temporarily for re-export — and Customs

doesn't want any vehicles "leaking" upon which no tax was paid. Similarly, many such vehicles have been imported for off-road agricultural-use

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Spotlight ran photos of vehicles in this bonded storage yard with the caption, "These are vehicles used in chemical and biological warfare. They are being stored in a vast depot in Mississippi. The Defense Department doesn't want you to know why." In another issue they referred to the "massive depot of Soviet-built military trucks." The implication is clear: *Somebody* (probably a kom-yoon-est) is going to attack us with chemical and germ warfare ... and the Defense Department is trying to keep it a secret. Balderdash: These vehicles have no offensive capability to begin with, and are being modified and re-exported, and the parts scrapped-out and sold locally.



SOF's annual firepower demonstration at the Desert Sportsman's Range, reaches critical mass, giving spectators a taste of something akin to combat. Here, a fireball erupts after belt-fed German MG34 GPMG hits exploding targets. Inset: Demo man mixes a lethal cocktail of gasoline and dynamite in preparation for the big bang.



SOF Parachute Team's Mike Herlihy, on target for a change, cranks the air brakes to ride in for a near-perfect landing at the firepower demo.

SOF Convention '94

Photos by Robert Walchli

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Arms akimbo, legs asunder, through this wondrous world I founder ... American gladiators, SOF-style, compete for \$1800 in prize money as one competitor gets the thumbs down. Pugil-stick run-offs happen nightly at the Sands pool.





A member of Technical Editor Peter Kokalis' firing line shows off the merits of his FN FAL assault rifle to warm up the crowd before the main event. Besides an awesome display of fire-power, the demo highlights new products and Kokalis gives a brief history of every MG on the firing line.



Second Chance President Richard Davis apparently missed the Chao Fa demonstrations on mind over matter and displaces sudden, self-inflicted heartburn onto nearby Coke products (note entry wound on his shirt). A walking advertisement, Davis regularly shoots himself to flout the stopping power of his soft body armor.

oot-outs



Las Vegas News Bureau



Hungry and highly schooled attack dog "Dax" clamps onto K9 training expert Bob Taylor in one of many human-dog poolside demonstrations.

Bombs away! From 11,000 feet first-time jumper and *SOF* Art Director Kristine Anderson careens toward the desert floor with fellow human missile, an instructor from the Jim Wallace Skydiving school. The school offers both the popular tandem and static line jumps at convention and holds a half-day ground session prior to take-off.



Former chief unarmed combat instructor for U.S. Navy Special Warfare and one-time member of SEAL Team Six, Frank Cucci demonstrates how to gain advantage over an unarmed attacker. Anyone can sign up for the self-defense and hand-to-hand combat participatory classes given by Cucci during the convention.



Submerged for 45 minutes, water-logged ex-SEAL Frank Cucci gives new meaning to the phrase "sweeping the pool" after executing a mock assassination for a surprised audience at the Sands pool.



The awards banquet featured such luminaries as SOF Publisher Robert K. Brown (right) and demolition expert John Donovan (middle) who applaud speaker Sheriff Richard Mack, an Arizona lawman who sued the government over the Brady Act and won.



The Three-Gun Match places high demands on shooters' skills in pistol, rifle and shotgun: Using a mining cart as mobile cover, competitor pushes it left and right for cover to expose and engage six of 19 targets during a stage known as "Shoot-out at the Silver Queen."



Rambo repo man "Shishka-Bob" Taylor demonstrates how to steal a car in broad daylight. Taylor pulled the car 282 feet with needles poking out of his arms to raise money for the Chao Fa resistance in Laos.



Following the banquet, donations, militaria and captured war booty were put on the auction block by Col. Alex McColl to raise money for causes deemed worthwhile by SOF — causes that did *not* include the Editorial Homebrew Fund. Among the offerings: Serbian bayonets, Cambodian field knives, South African flags, British and French cammies, VC hats and, of course, Barry Sadler albums.



"Damage Control" was interesting because it had both reactive and cardboard targets; among other tests, shooters had to engage pop-up targets from inside a house structure and race more than 50 yards before re-engaging other IPSC targets.



Not a Posturepedic Martial artist Randy Wanner subjects himself to a bed of pointy nails, demonstrating how to control pain and get cheap acupuncture at the same time. These guys will do anything to draw a crowd; the question is: Do they do it when they're home alone? Photo: Tom Slizewski



More than 400 exhibitors filled the Sands expo hall nearly to capacity, selling any and everything for the right price. Here an interested customer checks out a (presumably) dummy LAW rocket launcher; the three-day event hosted more than 9,000 shoppers.



Under cover of vehicle, female competitor at beginning of "Sidewinder" finds out that shooting slugs from prone is no picnic.

THREE-GUN MATCH WINNERS

TOP INDIVIDUAL SHOOTERS

Far left: Match Director Michael Horne; 1st-5th place (l-r): Bennie Cooley Jr., Jim Clark Jr., Bruce Piatt, Jim Wall, Lee Souter



TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT STREET

Huntington Beach PD (l-r): Jack Takemoto, Joe Guarnera, Art Preece, William Murphy; M. Horne



TOP MILITARY ACTIVE & RESERVE James Erickson (l); M. Horne



TYROS Blane West (l); M. Horne



TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT Bennie Cooley Jr., flanked by Christina Montero and M. Horne



TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINER Al Mar Knives Team A (l-r): Jim Anglemier, Scott Anderson, Thomas Perritt, Alan Boruck; M. Horne



TORÉ ASKLAND MEMORIAL OVER 50 Vern Hays (l); M. Horne



TOP WOMAN Cathy Tolley; M. Horne



TOP SPONSOR/OPEN CATEGORY TEAM Navy Arms Team (l-r): Mel Hockwitt, Bruce Piatt, Paul Reed, Jim Clark Jr.; M. Horne.

Not pictured are the winners of the Foreign Award, Sverre Idland, and the Police Reserve Award, R. Kirby Reed.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE 1994 THREE-GUN MATCH TOP 10 SHOOTERS

PLACE	NAME	FINAL SCORE
1	BENNIE COOLEY JR.	616.78
2	JIM CLARK JR.	606.76
3	BRUCE PIATT	606.57
4	JIM WALL	564.40
5	LEE SOUTER	558.91
6	JAMES M. SMITH	548.09
7	THOMAS J. PERRITT	532.41
8	GURNEE MUNN III	531.45
9	BOB LOOKER	527.87
10	EDDIE RHODES	515.85

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The Oklahoma City bombing was one of those defining moments of our era, potentially more profound in its long term effects than the Kennedy assassination. Where were you, what were you doing on 19 April 1995, when you learned of our country's most heinous act of domestic terrorism?

Tina Tomlin can never forget the

moment, 0902 CDT. She was talking on the phone with her husband, Rick, a Transportation Department employee whose office was on the fourth floor of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in downtown Oklahoma City. Mr. Tomlin, 46, told her his day had started off so busy that "I haven't even got a chance to look at my E-mail." He told his wife he still had to

go downstairs to take care of personal business. Then the line clicked.

"It was like somebody had pushed a button to get another line, had tried to click in on his line," Tina Tomlin recalled five days later. "I thought, 'Well, he just got another important call,' and I didn't think anything about it. I hung up and called back and the line was busy."



Upper floors of A.P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City viewed toward the southeast, the day after, shows severity of bomb blast.

The line wasn't busy. The line — and her husband — were dead, obliterated in a blast of some two tons of ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, or ANFO. The explosion forever changed the lives of hundreds of vic-

Bloody April

Waco Anniversary Triggers Oklahoma City Atrocity

by James L. Pate

Photos by Richard Sherrow

tims, their families and friends. But it was also a horrifying wake-up call that forever changed us all. Its social fallout may cast a dark shadow well into the next century, possibly foreboding what may be an oppressive and violent chapter in our nation's history. The nation's symbolic journey to Oklahoma City went through Waco, Texas. The Oklahoma bombing was an awful reckoning, an eruption of the festering sore burned into the national soul by the Waco massacre. It may prove to be a watershed event in the tricky balance between individual liberty, public safety and state security as our society evolves into the next millennium.

My road to Oklahoma City the day of the bombing was literally through Waco, a straight shot up Interstate 35. I've spent most of the past two years pursuing the facts of what happened in Waco, months of that time in Texas. I had just spoken at a second anniversary memorial service in front of the scarred, twisted remains left by the fiery finale to the Battle of Mount Carmel. I was trying to stay dry in a spring drizzle when the news of Oklahoma City washed over me with a cold splash of disbelief.

I'm surprised that I was surprised by carnage in the Sooner State. After all, for two weeks before the bombing killed 168 people, including 19

children, I'd been warning in speeches and on radio talk shows of an ugly, defiant and potentially violent mood lingering over the ashes of Waco. It was vital, I said, for Congress to hold thorough hearings in which facts could be presented from independent investigations. Agents guilty of incompetent or malicious acts must be punished to restore faith in the legitimacy of federal law enforcement. If not, I knew, there were plenty of half-cocked half-wits capable of full-bore stupidity. But I never expected it to be so unprovoked. So irrational. So savage. So soon.

After visiting California, Louisiana, Montana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Texas this year, I'd become aware that the Clinton administration and Congress had failed to accurately gauge the depth and breadth of public fear and loathing over the Waco raid. Soon after the bombing, some in the mass media began suggesting possible blame among those who have persisted in pursuing the Waco story; that we had unfairly inflamed the passions of the common rabble. Resolutely unbiased reporters, who'd resolutely ignored everything about Waco except Big Brother's party line, characterized concern over Waco as a "paranoid obsession" of "right-wing extremist groups." But public outrage over

Waco spans the political spectrum, and deepens as more facts come to light. It is not an issue of the left or right, but one of right and wrong.

The Oklahoma bombing is another



Skyline of A.P. Murrah Federal Building after bombing shows how blast went upward through 10 stories, inward the depth of several offices.

notch on the truncheon of events that have stunned us with increasing regularity. And no doubt we, as a society, will fail to come to terms with this event before another of even more numbing magnitude overtakes us, compounding even more our inability to meet new challenges. Tactical analysts have coined an acronym for the phenomena: OBE — Overcome By Events — things happen faster than people can respond and they lose control.

Future Shock?

No one seriously believed that the East Germans would act on Ronald Reagan's call for communist leaders to tear down the Berlin Wall. Stranger still was the idea that Germany would reunite. No one believed the Soviet Union would throw in the towel on communism and dismember itself voluntarily. Just as no one imagined that any of our own citizens — on either side of the law — would burn or bomb buildings full of innocent people.

No doubt the social and political mavens of the mass media will cluck about the paranoia of right-wing extremism to anyone who suggests that this nation might, within the same half-century of defeating the evil empires of Hitler and Stalin, descend into its own oddly mixed maelstrom of left-wing McCarthyism

and police state tyranny.

When I was in Idaho in 1992, reporting the federal government's assault on Randy Weaver's family cabin, I'd have regarded anyone as paranoid who would have predicted another atrocity of even grander scale only eight months later in Waco. Even after the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Flashbangs botched so badly its Mount Carmel attack on 28 February 1993, I remained confident that cooler, more competent heads would prevail at the Federal Bureau of Incineration. Instead, the

same FBI H(u)RT perpetrators of the Idaho tragedy precipitated a law-enforcement travesty 50 times more deadly in Texas. And now, Oklahoma City confronts us with the potential for causing even greater divisiveness than Waco.

The immediate challenge on hearing the news, though, was to get to Oklahoma City as quickly as possible. Attending the memorial service at Mount Carmel with me was Rick Sherrow, an arson and explosives expert who also writes for *Soldier Of Fortune*. Sherrow retired from the Army as an EOD technician and later worked as a bomb and arson investigator for BATF. Rick's expertise during his government career led him into assignments with the CIA in Africa and elsewhere. I knew he would be a valuable asset interpreting the bomb scene, but I had no idea he would actually find key parts of the bomb vehicle.

Survivors And Heroes

Once in Oklahoma City, the chilly, wet weather was not only compounding the difficult task of rescuers working frantically to dig out the living, but it also reduced chances of survival for those trapped in the dangerously unstable rubble. As it turned out, chances were slim anyway. The last live victim was dug out of the concrete and steel wreckage at about

2215 hours by Dr. Rick Nelson of Muskogee, Oklahoma, a surgeon who drove the 138 miles to Oklahoma City to volunteer his services. It took Dr. Nelson and a firefighter about two hours to remove enough debris to free 15-year-old Brandi Ligon.

"I was working for some time alongside a fireman," Nelson told me the next morning. "We were passing back a lot of this material, because there was little room to work where we were. I discovered after several minutes — maybe an hour — that I was actually working on top of a dead person that was unrecognizable. I found some hair. One of the fireman said, 'That's some insulation material.' I picked it up and said no. It was all I could recognize, some hair and some bloody tissue that resembled pink insulation."

There were three other dead bodies within 10 feet of where Brandi lay trapped, Nelson said. "When I got to Brandi's face, I put oxygen on her," Nelson said. "I was very concerned the last 15 or 20 minutes because her mental status started



Blast collapsed cinder-block structure three blocks to the northwest of federal building. Some 75 buildings in area were rendered uninhabitable by explosion.

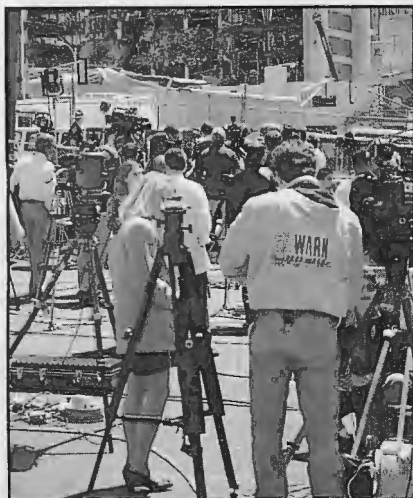
deteriorating. I was afraid she was bleeding internally.

"Even in a situation like this, we tried to inject a little levity. I told her I was going to take her to dinner when we dug her out," Nelson said. "She laughed and agreed. She told us all that she loved us. Her legs were cramped off for quite a while. It was of great concern to us. She had blood in her abdomen; a ruptured spleen. Her blood pressure was about 60." Nelson's professional detachment melted away, his eyes misting up at the memory of one girl whose bravery touched him personally as no patient ever had.

"I can't imagine the horror of being stuck in there, to not even be able to lift a finger. You can breathe, but you have no idea what happened to you. All you know is you're trapped in concrete and rubble and you hear sirens, elevator alarms going off. I have patients who come in [to the office] who are out of control for absolutely no reason, really not that sick or in that much danger. This girl was way beyond her years."

Truck Parts Three Blocks Away

Sherrow and I split up. I had to go to the obligatory press conference, and he wanted to take photographs and probe around to see what he could



Media, talk-show hosts, politicians and rescue volunteers descended on disaster scene to do what they do best.

find out about the bomb itself. I was still sitting in the press conference when Sherrow slipped into the seat next to me and whispered that he'd found part of the bomb truck.

We hurried back to the scene where Rick had found the evidence, which he examined, but was careful not to touch. He'd advised nearby ATF bomb techs, who spray-painted yellow around the truck parts to mark their location until evidence techs could process them, catalogue the pieces and remove them. The pieces had not been moved when we got back to Northwest 5th Street, two-and-a-half blocks west of the blast crater.

The rear bumper of the Ryder truck was twisted like a pretzel, lying on the south sidewalk. Sherrow showed me where the bolt heads that had held the bumper to the truck chassis had



been stripped through the holes in the bumper. In the middle of the street, a cucumber-sized gouge mark in the asphalt had alerted him that bomb evidence might be nearby. It looked like any other hole in the asphalt to me, but Rick called it an impact mark and said it gave some indication of speed and direction of an object hurled by the explosive blast.

The mark, he said, apparently had been made by the bomb truck's rear transaxle ring gear, which attaches to the rear end of the drive shaft inside the differential. He'd found the gear, more than a foot in diameter, in a dirt parking lot on the north side of the street, about 30 yards from the gouge in the pavement. The gear had struck a six-foot-high chain-link fence so hard that it jerked the steel fence posts from the ground on both sides and collapsed the fence.

The rear end of the drive shaft has teeth that insert through a smooth collar on the ring gear and mesh with teeth in the gear's inner hub. Sherrow showed me the rough scars inside the smooth steel collar made when the drive axle teeth were jerked out of

the ring gear with explosive force. It took two ATF agents to lift the ring gear into the back of an evidence truck. We were moved back another block as they extended the security perimeter to look for other parts.

Rick's find struck me. In an age of



Top: Rear bumper of Ryder truck found by SOF reporter/EOD technician Sherrow 2-1/2 blocks from blast seat. Initial exam suggested truck may have been a Ford Model EC-350. Bumper was shown to investigative personnel, who marked it for further processing.

Right: Impact gouge in asphalt (foreground) was made by transaxle gear of bomb truck. In background is chain-link fence torn down by flying gear, and final resting place of gear. After discovery by SOF, site of gouge was marked by evidence techs.

Center left: Bomb truck's rear transaxle gear rests tangled in chain-link fence that finally stopped it.

computerized super-sleuthing and miraculous laboratory criminology, it was still the gumshoe, the guy with sharp eyes and common sense and experience out on the street, that could make the difference. Indeed, the FBI's big break that gave them a solid trail to follow came from good, old-fashioned, by-the-book police

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A MAN CALLED LION

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as an ivory poacher. Capstick explores the claim with calm, reporting Taylor's avowal then analyzing what it would have taken to accomplish such a feat.

One of the more worthy aspects of the book is Capstick's insistence on presenting a balanced view of the contentious Taylor. Capstick and Marsh explore Taylor's life, and wherever possible reconstruct events in an attempt to gain insight into the reasons why he was such a controversial figure, even in his own lifetime. Taylor's attitudes and beliefs, coupled with his Muslim faith, ultimately gave authorities the reasons they needed to rid themselves of him. He was kicked out of Nyasaland in late 1957 and left for London.

Taylor should have returned in triumph to England, and become an employee of one of the great English gun works. Instead, he lived out the remainder of his years in impoverished obscurity and dreamed of returning to his beloved Africa. He never did.

Years after Taylor's death, Marsh and his wife were able to pay a special tribute to the memory of Taylor in a way that is uniquely African. This should be left for the reader of *A Man Called Lion* to discover on his own by reading the book.

A Man Called Lion also contains some of Taylor's own published articles and stories. Capstick included a chapter that evaluates Taylor's theories of the "Knock Out Value" (KOV) of big-game cartridges. Because Marsh and Capstick have a wealth of bush knowledge between them, the chapter is an interesting and highly informative look at the confusion surrounding Taylor's theories, and gives the reader an understanding of what Taylor was writing about and why he took the time to develop his "KOV" theory.

Like Taylor's own works, this book is about a man who made his name in Africa, on one of Africa's most beloved animals, the elephant. If Africa has a place in your heart, whether you have walked its sandy soils or just dreamed about it, this

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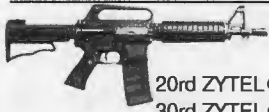
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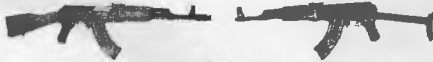
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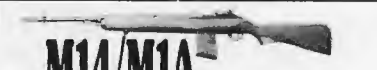
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AK 100 SERIES

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The Kalashnikov rifle needs no test and evaluation from me to demonstrate its many merits. That would be the kind of pompous joke which only the popular gun press would perpetrate on its readers. However, I must make note of the fact that the 5.56x45mm NATO versions I fired

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displayed noticeably greater accuracy than any of those chambered for the 7.62x39mm and 5.45x39mm rounds. They were the accuracy equal of the M16 and any other assault rifle I have fired that was chambered for this cartridge. It has long been suggested that the AK's incredible reliability (I once fired 400 rounds through a North Korean AK47 that later proved to have the rear portion of a broken case resting in the bottom of the receiver to the rear of the trigger mechanism) was partially at the expense of its accuracy potential. It now appears to me that this may have been mostly a consequence of the mediocre ammunition produced by Eastern Bloc factories. The 5.56x45mm NATO ammunition I fired at the Izhmash test range was manufactured by Fabrique Nationale. ✕

FULL AUTO

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maximum range of 150 meters, could be launched at South African armored fighting vehicles and still provide terrorists with an opportunity to escape in the sparse bush of that region. However, the blank cartridge used with this grenade was stored in the tail boom and all too often terrorists would attempt to launch the grenade with 7.62x39mm ball rounds. In most instances, nothing but their shoes and feet remained (they didn't wear socks) as a reminder of their stupidity.

Bullet trap rifle grenades represented the next advancement in this arena, since ball ammunition is used to launch the grenade. Still in widespread use, they are, however, not without their idiosyncrasies. They are heavy and cumbersome, and thus it is not realistic to issue them to every member of the squad. Prior to launch, a safety pin and cap must be removed and the rifle's gas port closed. This takes time that is not always available on the battlefield. Their high recoil impulse diminishes their ability to be fired effectively and in substantial quantities from a shoulder mount, and places undesirable stress on the rifle. Finally, there is

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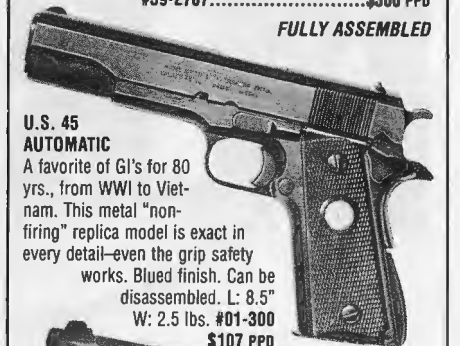
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always the fear that armor-piercing, tracer or ball ammunition with a steel penetrator core might defeat the bullet trap device. I have fired a large quantity of bullet trap rifle grenades and deep down have always wondered if pulling the trigger would result in my vaporization.

The unique telescopic bullet thru rifle grenade, developed and manufactured by FN Nouvelle Herstal SA (Dept. SOF, rue Voie de Liege, 33-B 4040 Herstal, Belgium; phone: 32-41-40-81-11, fax: 32-41-40-86-79), was designed to project explosive ordnance — up to 150 meters from a shoulder mount and 300 to 400 meters with the rifle's butt on the ground — without extra equipment and avoid the disadvantages of previous delivery systems. It represents a logical step upward in the evolution of rifle grenades.

The FN telescoping bullet thru grenade operates substantially as follows. The telescoping sleeve at the rear serves two functions: as a stabilizing tail boom in the extended position and as the frag-

mentation body when collapsed. A unique self-sealing plug permits the bullet to pass completely through the grenade, but immediately closes to utilize the propellant gases behind the bullet to launch the grenade. This is much safer than the bullet trap concept.

After launching, gas pressure created during the launch process shifts the detonator mechanism forward. During the first few meters of flight, the tail boom will collapse into the front portion of the grenade. The detonator mechanism, now in the forward position, can rotate and align the detonator with the firing pin and booster charge. The grenade is now armed. It is fin-stabilized, impact-detonated and has no self-destruct mechanism. Manually telescoping and collapsing the grenade prior to launching will not align the detonator with the firing pin and booster charge.

Munition types include an anti-personnel (AP) fragmentation round (with a coil-wrapped, explosive-filled steel tube that produces more than 800 fragments); an in-

ert training (AP-X) round that is easily reusable, with reconditioning tool kit and spares; a non-telescopic white smoke (SMK) signal round and illuminating (ILL) parachute flares. The lethal radius of the AP grenade is a minimum of 10 meters.

The explosive train of the AP round contains an auxiliary load of black powder, detonator primer charge of lead azide CMC plus tetrazene, a primary detonator charge of PETN, a booster charge of Hexavil (89/11B 0/200 LF 1607) and a main explosive of PBXN-3. The auxiliary load, a ring of black powder at the contact point between the muzzle and tail boom, is ignited by the bullet's propellant gases and increases the pressure inside the tail boom.

All of these rounds can be launched from either caliber 7.62x51mm NATO or 5.56x45mm NATO rifles with 22 mm flash hiders. When placed on the rifle's flash hider, the operator pulls back on the fins and the grenade will extend automatically and its sight will flip up. Direct-fire (i.e., the

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Indirect fire, or fire from defilade (i.e., the weapon and target are obscured from each other by a topographic feature such as a hill), is accomplished by placing the butt of the rifle on the ground and aligning the top of the sight with graduations on the grenade's body. When fired in this manner, the maximum effective range is 300 meters when propelled by a 5.56x45mm NATO round and 400 meters when driven by 7.62x51mm NATO ammunition.

FN bullet thru grenades are much shorter (only 189 mm — 7.4 inches — when telescoped) than bullet trap types and are carried on the soldier's web gear in reusable plastic containers with transparent covers connected in clusters

of three. They are more sensitive than high/low pressure 40mm grenades and will detonate on water and in mud. Their weight (320 grams — 11.3 ounces) has been significantly reduced over that of bullet trap types without compromising the explosive effect. Bullet trap rifle grenades weigh more because of the plug used to stop the bullet and their separate tail boom assemblies.

The U.S. military made extensive use of rifle grenades during both World War II and the Korean War. However, with the development of the 40mm high/low pressure, spin-stabilized grenade at Picatinny Arsenal and its simple M79 launcher developed at Springfield Armory in the early 1960s, U.S. interest in rifle grenades all but disappeared.

For some unknown reason (perhaps merely to confirm their commitment to the 40mm high/low pressure concept), both the U.S. Army and Marine Corps momentarily revived their interest in rifle grenades a few years ago and several types were tested at

Picatinny Arsenal. It was concluded that all of the candidate grenades placed too much strain on the M16A2, had too high a recoil impulse and the casualty radius exceeded their safe arming distance. This latter criticism has been subsequently corrected on the FN telescoping bullet thru rifle grenades.

I fired FN telescoping bullet thru rifle grenades of the anti-personnel type at an FN outdoor test facility in Belgium. The recoil impulse is no more than a 12-gauge shotgun and it was not apparent that excessive strain was being placed on the M16A2 rifle used as a launch platform. The accuracy was quite good. The fact that the bullet passed completely through the grenade was a comforting thought. It has been my personal experience that both rifle and 40mm high/low pressure type grenades are frequently employed in combat at ranges well under those mandated for safety reasons. Although designers have a responsibility to develop military small arms that will not expose the operator to unnecessary danger, anyone

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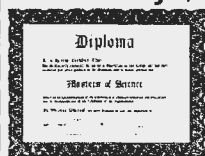
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OPERATION STEEL

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with anti-personnel mines. My size 12 Wolverines were less than 3 inches from what appeared to be a lifetime of pain.

Two rangers slowly climbed onto rocks on opposite sides of me, while Oktemer and Kerem cleared a meter-wide space on the trail. One of the rangers perched on the rock to my right grabbed my arm. The other ranger to my left took my camera and day-pack.

On the count of three, the ranger holding my arm jerked me up and pulled me back toward him. I was out of danger, but my reputation as an experienced combat journalist was slightly tarnished. The suspected mine turned out to be a buried coffee can, but the mines off to the side were as real as any. Everyone was visibly relieved my mistake didn't take any of the rangers out of action.

We gingerly restarted our climb toward what remained of the blind and the cave. The PKK, according to Oktemer, have for years stockpiled weapons in the caves and utilized these remote valleys and ravines as training grounds. It was perfect guerilla country.

We reached the cave entrance and found it quite large, about 5 meters across. There was a second, smaller cave about 1 meter across to its left. Sandbags and remains of a still warm campfire were set back about 4 meters in the larger cave. Pieces of bloody clothes and a Coleman lantern were found under some firewood. Whoever had occupied the cave knew we were coming and had left quickly.

Oktemer got on the radio and requested a Blackhawk helicopter to search the area for any fleeing PKK

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fighters. Four teams of rangers were then assembled and sent out in several directions in the hope that the guerrillas hadn't gotten very far away.

My team took the road that continued up through the mountains toward the Turkish border. A Defender followed about 50 meters behind.

About 20 minutes into our patrol the pointman spotted what he thought was one of the PKK guerrillas from the cave. Although I could hear the *whap-whap* of a Blackhawk's rotors as it overflowed a nearby valley, we were close enough to pursue without the aircraft's help.

One of the rangers opened up with his G3, and soon everyone was firing wildly at the quickly disappearing figure. Two rangers ran up the hill in full pursuit.

Chasing Ghosts

Almost an hour went by before the two returned empty-handed but blabbering nonstop about something. Oktemer said the rangers had followed the suspected PKK fighter down a series of trails that led to a village already occupied by the Turkish army. They said they talked with the occupying unit's commander, but after a quick search of the houses came up with a big zero and returned — no guerrillas, no weapons, no clues. "Chasing ghosts," I muttered to myself.

Against such a foe a Turkish military victory looks unlikely. The highly visible buildup before the attack sent most of the PKK fighters scampering for cover in neighboring Iran and Syria. Hunting down guerrillas with conventional forces has never proven easy. Some Turkish army commanders I spoke with said they would be happy if the only result from Op Steel was to make the PKK keep its collective head down for a few months.

Certainly the PKK has shown no sign of growing weaker. In fact, a few days after my tour, 18 Turkish soldiers were killed in an ambush well north of the Iraqi border.

The biggest winner of the Turkish invasion of northern Iraq, according to analysts at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey, has been Saddam himself. The invasion, the sources said, scuttled the idea of the safe haven for the Kurds which has been in place since the end of the Gulf War. Turkey's military action did more

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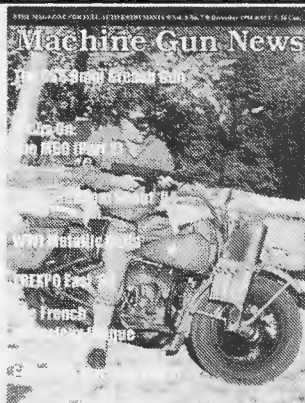
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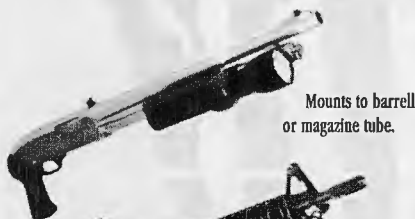


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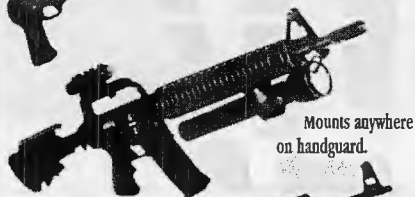
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only (they do not meet DOT standards to run on the highway). Some, marked "NVA" were spotted in bonded storage — and the NVA-marked vehicles suddenly became "North Vietnamese Army" and part of a U.N./New World Order invasion according to the lunatic fax network (NVA actually stands for *Nationale Volks Armee* — National People's Army, the former East German army).

One particular bonded storage facility near Saucier, Mississippi, has made *Spotlight* a number of times with headlines and stories that would suggest we're in grave danger from a chemical/biological attack, and that the DoD is keeping it secret from the American people. The local paper, *The Sun Herald*, noted that these were "beanstalks of theory that have sprung from seeds of fact." SOF contacted retired Air Force Colonel Al Koval and son Fred, proprietors of Airmar Resources, and regret we did not find any plot — but did uncover some surplus bargains that we'll pass along. The vehicles they imported are being stripped to the frame, rebuilt for various functions ranging from garbage trucks to fire trucks and re-exported. Since they were brought in for re-export, they can't be sold here. However, the top-quality appurtenances that were on these trucks (air-tight insulated NBC vans, decontamination equipment, camouflage netting, generators, tools, etc.) are for sale at pennies on the dollar. If a reader believes *Spotlight* and thinks he is under threat of a chemical or germ warfare attack, hey, we recommend he buy one

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But these half-facts presented alone or with built-in misinterpretations have unnecessarily terrified thousands — and terror can lead people to desperate acts.

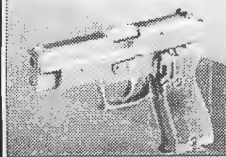
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The cross-fertilization that has been ongoing between so-called "intelligence" sources within the militia network and *Spotlight's* so-called reporters, who seem willing to publish any ridiculous thing about Russians

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and black helicopters, only becomes rational when closely examined for motive: It's in everyone's financial interest to keep the myths alive. The militia and especially MOM, the boys in Michigan, Koernke, Thompson, Gritz, and a host of lesser luminaries would go under unless *Spotlight* (and some radio shows, such as Tom Valentine's *Radio Free America*) keep putting out the myths.

Is there more driving all these myths than fabricated evidence? Absolutely. These folks, in substantial numbers, and certainly their readers, and both leaders and members of these militias, do not believe our duly elected government has any jurisdiction over them; they feel it is completely corrupted, that there is no point in voting. Indeed, some do not even register as "they" will then have you on "their" computers. Some do not pay taxes, do not license their vehicle or self for any purpose; and regard Democrats and Republicans as both lackeys of the New World Order elites.

It is these militia mattoids at *Spotlight* — and too many within society at large giving support — who have created an environment of fear and

loathing. Not just for anyone in government, but anyone who disagrees, as well. The 13 February 1995 edition, for example, went beyond mere demonstrably wrong statements, sliding into the childishly silly. They asserted that *SOF's* honcho Robert K. Brown was "an undercover agent [sic] of *The New York Times*" and that "apparently he has been called on to perform per contract" because *SOF* was planning an article on militias. They also critiqued the article, of course, despite the fact no one at *Spotlight* had read it — since it had not yet been published. Years earlier, they had "exposed" Brown as having been a "CIA agent" in Korea years before Brown had ever been there (as an infantry officer). So much for fact checking: *SOF* is at the end of a phone wire, and after we got done giggling we'd have gladly set the record straight.

Most militia organizations are set up on a military protocol, so as to have built-in deniability for its leaders. Timothy McVeigh was just one of hundreds, perhaps thousands, operating in this vacuum. The militias, none of them, have the expertise to weed out sociopaths, as evidenced by the fact that

some of them are now in jail, with the probability of more to come.

Punk killers do not a revolution make, regardless of how zealots may delude themselves. Bo Gritz has been quoted as saying the Oklahoma City bombing was a technological work of art, a Rembrandt; I've met Bo ... his taste in art stinks. John Trochmann has been quoted as saying the Oklahoma bombing was only "D-day." Really? How many women, children, elderly and innocents died on the last D-day?

One could infer that *Spotlight* appreciates the wisdom of Solomon since they quote from his instruction and exhortation to sons in Proverbs 4:7. We would invite them to turn another page or two and review what "six things doth the Lord hate," in Proverbs 6:19 — "A False witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

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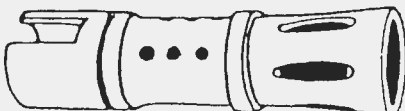
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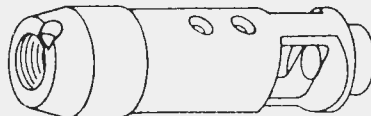
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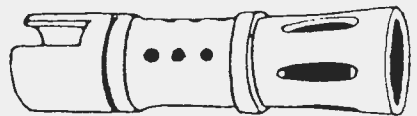
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I WAS THERE

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would likely result in the round detonating. Most of the mortar rounds had pins missing.

When Tom and I arrived at the 55th and took one look at what was going on, we decided it would be better if we weren't there. We'd no sooner turned the M151 around when a mortar round exploded, fatally wounding one of the ARVN EOD NCOs. To nobody's surprise, clearing operations came to a complete halt. No amount of coercion would convince the ARVNs to begin again.

Meantime, combat units were running short of ammo, and I was under increasing pressure to get the bullets moving again. I was beginning to regret ever having left the infantry.

As senior ammunition adviser, I also had EOD advisers in several locations throughout northern II Corps. I called many of them in and laid out the problem. Tom

knew the Vietnamese mind as well as anyone and had a solution — make the ARVN lose face. That gave me an idea: If we began clearing the 55th ourselves, without help from the ARVN, they might lose face and return.

Our work was cut out for us. It isn't easy to convey how totally devastated an exploded ammo dump is. Unexploded artillery and mortar projectiles are as thick as fleas on a dog's back. The greatest worry is mortar rounds, most of which have been thrown into the air and embedded in the dirt up to the tail fins. If the safeties are still present there's no problem, but with the nose in the ground you can't tell.

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safeties are in place, some 81mm mortar rounds may be sensitized and detonate if moved. It was not a job for the faint of heart.

It was late spring before we began. Each of us took a portion of the defunct 55th and began checking it for unexploded ammo. There were literally thousands of the nefarious 81mm rounds with their damn tail booms sticking up. None could be disturbed until we had checked every fuze. The artillery rounds were simply moved to a central location for demolition.

Meanwhile, our ARVN EOD counterparts were watching from a distance, losing face with every passing day. A junior sergeant finally came over and asked if he could help. Once we put him to work it didn't take long before the rest of the ARVN EOD team joined us. We showed them the routine. Once they knew how to do it right, things went quickly. The duds from the depot never joined in the fun. Clearing unexploded ordnance was an EOD job and beneath their dignity.

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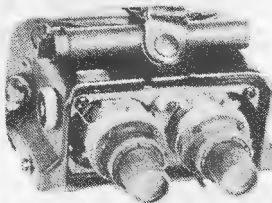
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After the VIPs left, we spent the next two days setting charges and blowing ammo in place. ARVN and U.S. Army engineers came in and began cleaning up the mess and rebuilding the 55th. Within a month of our last "blow," the engineers had finished their work, ammo was flowing and we could get on with the war. ✕

BAD BOYS

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the government believes it cannot." As well, he said the regiment's conduct had done significant damage to Canada's international reputation. Retired Col. David Hackworth was one foreign analyst who appeared on Canadian television to refute this, saying the Airborne Regiment wasn't even a story in the American press before the disbandment announcement.

Sitting beside Collette, Gen. de Chastelain looked gutshot. He'd been notified of the minister's intentions shortly before meeting the press. Later that week he offered his resignation to the prime minister; it was refused.

The government's decision was greeted by shock in Petawawa. Supporters like retired Major General Lewis Mackenzie criticized the government's knee-jerk reaction, the lack of due process, and the fact that the order was so extreme in light of what had actually happened.

One sergeant's wife, Julie Rheume, began a nationwide maroon ribbon campaign to save the regiment. To gain public attention she made her first parachute jump, tandem, into Ottawa and later even confronted the defense minister on the steps of Parliament, pleading with

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him to reconsider. Ironically, in the midst of all this, Kenward was awarded the Order of Military Merit for having reformed the regiment.

A Final Blow

Even as the regiment was adjusting to this latest, terminal blow, a third video was unearthed. The separatist Bloc Quebecois party launched its attack in Parliament on 8 February, alleging the existence of a third video, rumored to be even worse than the second.

The defense minister at first denied any knowledge of a third video, then described it as innocuous, based on references to it in the report he'd received 23 January, and evidently hadn't read. When the opposition continued to press for a second day, he ordered a review of the video and changed his tune. Shot at a 1 Commando party in the summer of 1994, it showed soldiers in states of extreme drunkenness, giving each other field haircuts, and lining up to receive mild electric shocks from a field telephone. Collette responded in the House of Commons by saying he'd been misled by the military, and once again there were cries of "cover-up."

In order to do some damage control, Maj. Gen. Brian Vernon, my father, appeared on television of his own volition that night to accept responsibility for the report and to explain its circumstances. The tape arrived late the evening before his report was due, he explained, and consequently he had not viewed it in its entirety. The one objectionable scene brought to his attention showed a "communion ritual" in which soldiers chewed a sandwich and passed it mouth to mouth. This was duly noted in the report. He swore, "There was absolutely no effort made to conceal anything or to mislead anyone reading the report."

Over the weekend he reviewed the tape in its entirety. On Monday 13 March he was relieved of his command as the commander of Land Forces Central Area (the "Army of Ontario"). He called a press conference at his Toronto headquarters and defied the military's gag order for the second time in a week. He defended the soldiers' right to celebrate: "Isolated scenes might seem offensive to civilian or bureaucratic viewers, but the total effect is one of the

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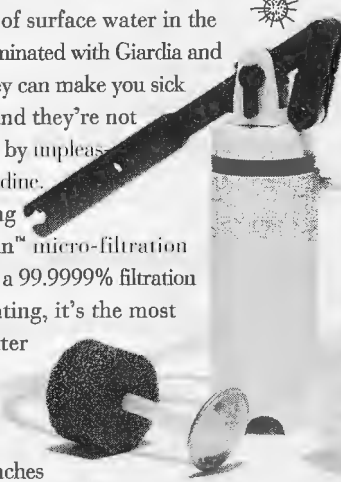
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male bonding which is essential for teamwork and cohesion in fighting units." He went on to state, "There is no evidence of racism, harassment, injury or coercion." General de Chastelain disagreed, taking exception to the soldiers' extreme drunkenness.

Interestingly, a video depicting a drunken "crossing the line [equator]" celebration on board HMCS *Yukon* was released during this same period. Unlike the army, however, the navy fought back with vigor to defend its traditions, and both the defense minister and press backed off without further comment. Collette said publicly he was reluctant to tangle with 300 years of maritime tradition.

The disbandment of the regiment was swift, taking place 4-5 March at Petawawa. Collette was conspicuously absent from the festivities.

Which leads to Kenward's second point on Saturday afternoon: "Throughout its history, this regiment has always demonstrated total loyalty upwards ..." he said. He then referred to its service in Cyprus during the Turkish invasion in 1974, Rwanda and Somalia as proof, as well

as its success in the demanding field exercises and competitions. He didn't complete his statement by describing what sort of loyalty the regiment had received in return. He didn't have to. When the regiment doubled-timed off the square a few minutes later the crowd of spectators showed their support, though, with emotional shouts of "Airborne! Airborne!"

Mike Vernon is a Canadian broadcast journalist, the son of Maj. Gen. Brian Vernon. ✕

BLACK HELICOPTERS

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between fact and speculation, between legal opinion and barroom banter, between the stupid and the philosophical.

The militias will not cause anything but chaos. They are not the Afghan freedom fighters and this isn't an occupied territory no matter what they choose to believe. The belief system within the militia, while dispar-

ate, has a consistent running theme. They tend to believe the founding of America was highlighted by divine input rather than Jefferson and Paine's, that natural law and common law rule rather than the evolution of the rule of law. They hold that jurisdiction can only apply with their personal and individual consent rather than the consent of many.

They do not believe democracy is or ought to be part of this country's process. Democracy to them is a thing, like the MJTF or the New World Order rather than a system of process. They do not see democracy as a legal form of government and have long arguments about the distinction between one and the other.

Those of us who have served in combat know these militias will accomplish only the further loss of constitutional rights. We have seen firsthand what a gunship can do. We have filled body bags and remember what it sounds like to be on the business end of a gun. We also know how strong the desire is to be led.

That their arguments are wrong but allowable within dialectical discourse is not the contention. They may be

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lieve the earth is flat, but the discourse ends when they pick up weapons and attempt to apply their justice of force upon the rest of us. Much of the rest of us are equally as angered and frustrated by what has happened to our system of governance. But that same system provides measures by which it may be corrected.

Many of us are well-informed, not the ignorant masses these self-proclaimed saviors believe. Their truth and understanding are, far more often than not, just plain wrong. I could not find one instance of educational material, documentation or evidence that was not without the most egregious errors and outright fabrications.

Our skies are full of aircraft, black and otherwise. As a nation, we are extending military authority closer and closer to domestic law enforcement support. It's all quite legal, although I have written and lectured on the threat posed by some of this legislation, such as amending the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878.

We are once again at the same place. You've seen a black helicopter? So what. It means precisely nothing.

ing. It's only when the warped interpretations of militia conspiracists are used to put your sighting into their context that it becomes anything threatening. Fact is, there's not one shred of evidence that anything sinister is going on.

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OKLAHOMA

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work. If it weren't for Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Charlie Hanger, who stopped Timothy McVeigh for failure to have a license plate, and then arrested him on a concealed weapon charge, the FBI might well still be looking for suspects.

But then, if the federal government followed its own advice about preventing terrorist attacks on fed-

eral buildings — if it had bothered to read the expensive studies it regularly commissions — the Oklahoma bombing might have been averted, or at least the loss of life reduced.

The National Research Council filed a report assessing our vulnerability to terrorist attacks on federal buildings in 1988, according to *The Kansas City Star*. The report "warned of massive loss of life in a disaster strikingly similar to the blast that rocked Oklahoma City," the newspaper reported. "Its predictions were uncannily accurate."

The taxpayer-funded report "specifically pointed out the danger of locating a day-care center in the same building with law enforcement agencies." Questioned after the bombing, federal officials pleaded lack of funding to implement the recommendations. But some were inexpensive, commonsense suggestions. For example, the report said the Murrah building could improve its security against terrorist attack merely by restricting adjacent parking, "to reduce the possibility of a preset bomb vehicle."

Federal investigators believe the



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dealers, and of steering ATF vehicle repair contracts to a friend who is a convicted felon with alleged ties to organized crime figures in Chicago.

Adamcik, now in California, was assistant special agent in charge of the Chicago office when the alleged offenses occurred. The former special agent in charge, Joe Vince, is also accused in the investigation by the Treasury Department's inspector general staff, *The Times* said. Vince, who has been implicated in other internal investigations of alleged criminal conduct on the job, was recently promoted to a job at ATF headquarters.

Chicago-area Congressman Harris W. Fawell said he found the allegations against Adamcik "so darned serious" that he discussed them directly with ATF Director John Magaw, who "just made it clear to me he wasn't interested in this."

Treasury Department Assistant Inspector General James M. Cotton told *The Times* that Adamcik's being a target of a criminal investigation raises the possibility that evidence gathered in the Oklahoma City investigation might be compromised in court. "If, for instance, he is a key witness in this case, his credibility could be a problem."

But if history repeats itself, Adamcik's potentially tainted testimony won't be any problem for the government. The federal prosecutor who tries McVeigh, still the main suspect as this article goes to press, simply won't call Adamcik as a witness. This was the tactic used by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ray Jahn, who tried 11 Branch Davidians in the Waco case. All Davy Aguilera, the Waco case agent, did at the trial was operate the government's overhead projector, a mindless task for which he apparently was imminently qualified and well trained.

As almost everyone *except* the federal government has learned from Waco, such lack of accountability and arrogance of power has its price. What remains to be seen is if citizens must continue to pay the price even after the Oklahoma bombing.

James L. Pate's award-winning coverage of government mishandling of events that led to the Waco debacle will continue with coverage of events triggered by that tragedy. ✕

GUN OWNERS

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sic NFO program, and was teaching other pilots to become instructors.

Through a transition of other flying and administrative assignments with other squadrons over the next few years, Cunningham entered the Training in Administration of the Reserves (TAR) program, in which he continued to fly while learning about the Navy's aviation reserve units. To progress, Guy realized he needed a master's degree. In May 1992, he flew his last P3 mission and soon thereafter enrolled at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Cunningham, who now serves with the Navy's reserve manpower analysis unit in Memphis, Tennessee, was as shocked by the response to his thesis research as the public was by its questionnaire. It has led to personal interviews with members of Congress, as well as dozens of requests for interviews from journalists. He believes the findings of his research will be the subject of policy debate for some time to come. (Advance warning for next month's story: 26.34% of the 300 Marines said they would fire on U.S. citizens and 23.66% were willing to swear allegiance to the United Nations.)

But there is cause for hope for those opposed to President Clinton's vision of a future in which national sovereignty is subverted in favor of a leftist U.N. agenda. "The research suggests that the overwhelming majority of combat-trained soldiers, if given a choice, would prefer not to perform any mission under the operational control of the United Nations," Cunningham said. "Anyone that really knows me knows that I'm not a neutral kind of fellow, that I'm very strong in my convictions ... If you're a believer in sovereignty of any nation, you cannot be a believer in collective security. Because there is a point when the justification of collective security comes with the diminishing of an individual nation's sovereignty."

Look for a detailed analysis of Cunningham's survey in next month's SOF. ✕

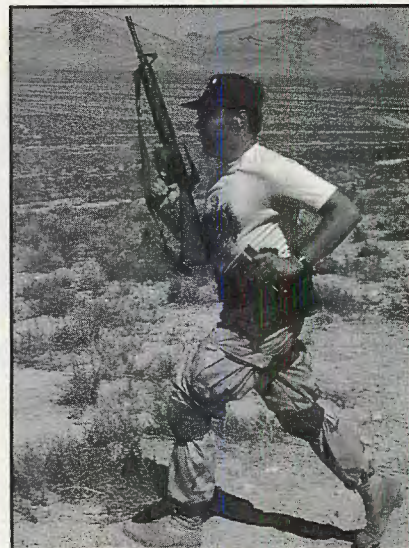
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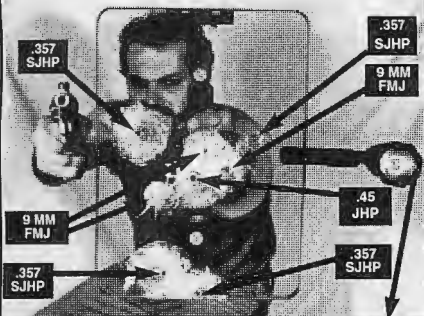
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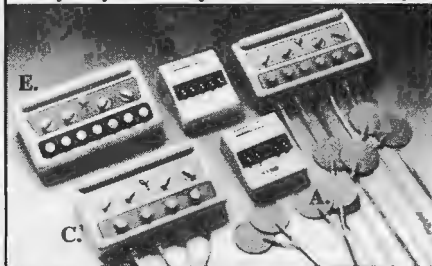
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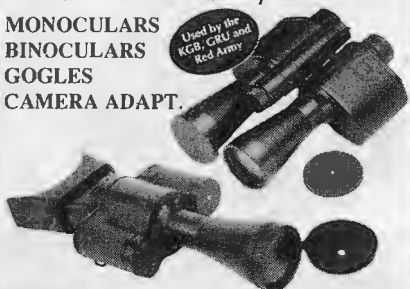
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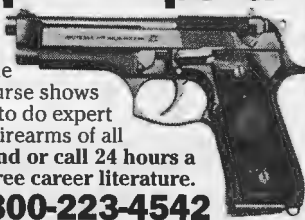
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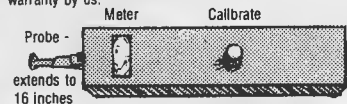
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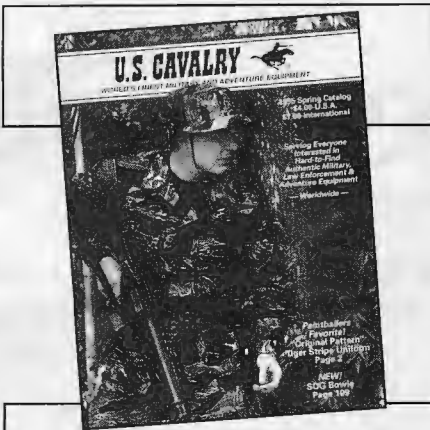
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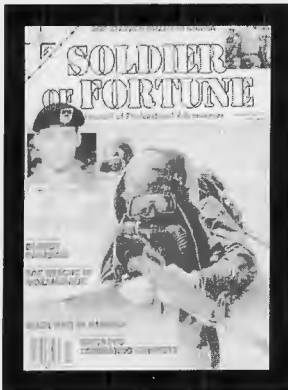
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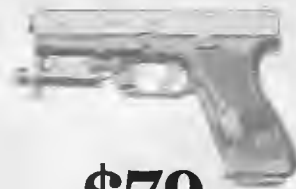
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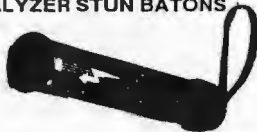
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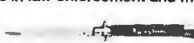
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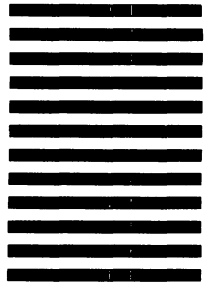
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